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IN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT FOR CHINA AT SHANGHAI

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C. H. HAINES,
Registrar.

Shanghai, March 9, 1938.

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G. R.

IN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT FOR CHINA AT SHANGHAI

BANKRUPTCY No. 1 of 1937

Re HAZARA SINGH
Ex parte—BISHAN SINGH, FOAJA SINGH and SADHU SINGH

Receiving Order made: February 25, 1938.

Date and place of first meeting of creditors: March 11, 1938, at 10 a.m., H.B.M. Supreme Court.

I. T. MORRIS,
Official Receiver.

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G. R.

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(Sgd.) S. G. BEARE,
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Dated at the Office of the British Registrar of Companies, Shanghai, this 8th day of March, 1938.

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Shanghai, Mar. 7, 1938.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 9 to March 14, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, March 1, 1938.

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To-day's Events

MARCH

9 Numismatic Soc. of China Mtg., 5.30
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Coming Events

MARCH

10 "Hussar Love", Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8 p.m.
10 For. Y. Debate "Polygamy," 8.30
11 B.W.A. Ann. Gen. Mtg. & Reception, 4
11 St. Tichon's Tea Dansant and Cabaret, Arcadia Ballroom, 5.30-9
13 S. M. Orchestra Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
14 The Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg Party, For. Y. 3'
15 A.W.C. Annual Library Tiffin, 12.15
15 For. Y. lect. Mr. S. C. Young, 8.30
17 For. Y. debate Wealth & Happiness, 8.30
17 B.W.A. M. & D. section Children's Prog., 5.15
17 Jumble Sale, U. Ch. Hall, Limbless Fund
18 The Shanghai Club Ann. Mtg. 5.30
18 Armoured Car Co. Dance, Race Club
20 Purim Ball, Race Club, Guests' Rm., 6
22 For. Y. lect. Dr. Frederick Reiss, 8.30
25 For. Y. Fourth Evening of Music, 8.30
27 "Purim Entertainment," Jew. School Auditorium, 5.30
29 For. Y. lect. Dr. Bernard E. Read, 8.30
29 "The Beggar's Opera," Lyceum
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31 "The Beggar's Opera," Lyceum
31 Shai Paper Importers' Assn. Ann. Gen. Mtg., Cercle Sportif Français, 6

APRIL

1 Le Ballet Russe will present "La Boutique Fantasque," music by Rossini and "Prince Igor," music by Borodine, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
2 Le Ballet Russe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
3 Le Ballet Russe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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By Order of the Board of Directors.
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Shanghai, February 21, 1938.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 10 to March 14, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

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Shanghai, March 1, 1938.

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By Order of the Directors,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MOSCOW TRIAL

What Trotsky Thought

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In view of the recent letters in your correspondence columns on the present Moscow Trials, I believe you and your readers might be interested in the following extracts from an address entitled "I Stake My Life" made by Leon Trotsky approximately one year ago:

....Why does Moscow so fear the voice of a single man? Only because I know the truth, the whole truth. Only because I have nothing to hide. Only because I am ready to appear before a public and impartial commission of inquiry with documents, facts and testimonies in my hands, and to disclose the truth to the very end. I declare: if this commission decides that I am guilty in the slightest degree of the crimes which Stalin imputes to me, I pledge in advance to place myself voluntarily in the hands of the executioners of the G.P.U. That, I hope, is clear. Have you all heard? I make this declaration before the entire world. I ask the press to publish my words in the farthest corners of our planet. But if the commission establishes — do you hear me?—that the Moscow trials are a conscious and premeditated frame-up, constructed with the bones and nerves of human beings, I will not ask my accusers to place themselves voluntarily before a firing squad. No, the eternal disgrace in the memory of human generations will be sufficient for them! Do the accusers of the Kremlin hear me? I throw my defiance in their faces. And I await their reply.

Through this declaration I reply in passing to the frequent objections of superficial sceptics: "Why must we believe Trotsky and not Stalin?" It is absurd to busy one's self with psychological divinations. It is not a question of personal confidence. It is a question of verification! I propose a verification. I demand the verification!.....

At the heart of the Moscow trials is an absurdity. According to the official version, the Trotskyites had been organizing the most monstrous plot since 1931. However, all of them, as if by command, spoke and wrote in one way but acted in another. In spite of the hundreds of persons implicated in the plot, over a period of five years, not a trace of it was revealed: no splits, no denunciations, no confiscated letters, until the hour of the general confessions arrived! Then a new miracle came to pass. People who had organized assassinations, prepared war, divided the Soviet Union, these hardened criminals suddenly confessed in August, 1936, not under the pressure of proofs—no, because there were no proofs—but for certain mysterious reasons, which hypocritical psychologists declare are peculiar attributes of the "Russian soul." Just think: yesterday they carried out railway wrecking and poisoning of workers—by unseen order of Trotsky. To-day they are Trotsky's accusers and heap upon him their pseudo-crimes. Yesterday they dreamed only of killing Stalin. To-day they all sing hymns of praise to him. What is it: a mad-house? No, the Messieurs Duranty tell us, it is not a mad-house, but the "Russian soul." You lie, gentlemen, about the Russian soul. You lie about the human soul in general.

The miracle consists not only in the simultaneity and the universality of the confessions. The miracle, above all, is that, according to the general confessions, the conspirators did something which was fatal precisely to their own political interests, but extremely useful to the leading clique. Once more the conspirators before the tribunal said just what the most servile agents of Stalin would have said. Normal people, following the dictates of their own will, would never have been able to conduct themselves as Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radek, Piatakov and the others did. Devotion to their ideas, political dignity, the simple instinct of self-preservation would force them to struggle for themselves, for their personalities, for their interests, for their lives. The only reasonable and fitting question is this: who led these people into a state in which all human reflexes are destroyed, and how did he do it? There is a very simple principle in jurisprudence which holds the key to many secrets: *is fecti cui prodest;* he who benefits by it, he is the guilty one. The entire conduct of the accused has been dictated from beginning to end, not by their own ideas and interests, but by the interests of the ruling clique. And the psuedo-plot, and the confessions, the theatrical judgment and the entirely real executions, all were arranged by one and the same hand. Whose? *Cui prodest?* Who benefits? The hand of Stalin! The rest is deceit, falsehood, and idle babbling about the "Russian soul"! In the trials there did not figure fighters, nor conspirators, but puppets in the hands of the G.P.U. They play assigned roles. The aim of the disgraceful performance: to elminate the whole opposition, to poison the very source of critical thought, to definitely ensconce the totalitarian regime of Stalin....

It is also interesting to note that Mr. Trotsky, sentenced *in absentia*, has demanded on several occasions that the Soviet Union formally ask for his extradition, for in such a demand the charges against Mr. Trotsky would be examined by a public court. This demand of Mr. Trotsky's remains unheeded to this day.

ANENCEPHALOUS.

Shanghai, Mar. 7.

Not Tragedy but Farce

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With due consideration to your opinion in to-day's leader I would permit myself to state that there is no Moscow drama at all, or rather it is not there as many readers see it.

It is a farce, played not for the edification of the Russian masses but for the mystification of the people outside Russia. First of all we have absolutely no reason to trust the reports coming from Russia. Always it is the contrary to what the Soviet press says that is true, and the more loudly they shout it the stronger should be our distrust. One French journalist reports having read in newspapers about the arrest and deportation to the Ural region of the wife of Litvinoff, foreign commissar. Three days later, however, the same journalist, who was accompanying a foreign mission, visiting Russia, met Mrs. Litvinoff in person, smiling and happy at the Petrograd railway station, where she came among other Soviet officials to meet the foreign mission. Well, what reason there is to give more credence to other information of the same kind?

On the other hand, all people seem to admit now that there is something unreal about the "trial." Think only: the highest Soviet officials, the moving force of the whole Soviet system, are supposed to be nothing more or less than foreign spies, traitors, murderers, wreckers etc., etc. Do not you think that the Soviet government has every reason to keep all these administrative defects to themselves, as they are liable to undermine their authority and prestige among the very labor masses who are being organized for a communistic revolution?

Then we do not see any result of the wrecking and spying the government officials have indulged in during about twenty years already. And why are the foreign governments so lavishly paying such a poor spying work?

No, all that the "trials" are is pure and simple nonsense. The trial is staged, all its actors have previously rehearsed their rôles. And when it is finished and the curtain falls, the "wreckers" and "spies" retire behind the scene and heartily laugh at the credulous foolish people. In a few days they will be supplied with foreign passports and sent to their respective destination.

Anybody, who reads papers carefully could have noticed the reports that the Soviet government is recently engaged in mass deporting of foreigners from Russia. Here lies the solution of the whole enigma.

OBSERVER.

Shanghai, Mar. 8.

THE WEATHER

Dog Meat for a God

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—There is a Chinese myth which says that the eighth day of the second moon (lunar calendar), which falls on March 9 this year, is the anniversary of the birth of the Thirteenth God in Heaven. He has several daughters and they are the Goddesses of Wind, Rain, Hail, Snow, Thunder, Lightning, Fire, etc. It is said that on or about this date the daughters have to come home and offer their greetings, and, owing to the peculiar taste of the father, who is very fond of frozen dog meat, the mercury in the thermometer has to drop to a point when it is possible to prepare such a dish. Of course, refrigerators are only modern inventions.

It is not my intention to spread this superstition, but I have, for many years, watched, with great wonder and interest, that the weather around this date has very rarely, if ever, failed to support this saying. At least, it is certainly true this year. I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly allot a little of the valuable space in your paper for the insertion of this letter which may bring satisfactory explanation to these mysterious, but habitual, phenomena.

MYSTIFIED.

Shanghai, Mar. 7.

FISH STORY

Cause for Amusement

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The Japanese story of the Chinese bombs that supplied Wuhu fish to the culinary department of the Japanese Navy must have been read with amusement by many third party nationals.

The pity is that Chinese river fish is not the delectable stuff that fish-eating gourmands rave over. Methinks those sailors around Bocca Tigris are in a happier position, as Macao soles abound in those waters and they are the pride of Hongkong hotels who always feature them in their menus. Strange that there has been no tale of the tuna in the Spanish war.

J. C.

Shanghai, Mar. 8.

MILK PARADE

A Chinese Reader's View

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I found an interesting picture on page 6 of your paper of March 4, entitled "Milk Parade."

I wonder if the British soldiers or British people of Shanghai can also demonstrate it to the Shanghai public and the following:—"lime juice parade," "dance parade" and "show off parade."

But for God's sake don't send their almighty fleet parade to China to frighten Japanese as they did in the Mediterranean to try to frighten Mussolini.

Poor Negus! his Empire fell down under his feet, with his friend's almighty and powerful fleet looking on! And what a big and tremendous parade!

SHAME.

Shanghai, Mar. 7.

MARKET PRICES

The following prices are the maximum for best cut or grade obtainable in Central and Western Markets on March 8, 1938. Prices are quoted per lb. in Shanghai dollar-cents unless otherwise stated.

PUTCHER'S MEAT

Beef	35-65	Goat	25-40
Veal	60-1.30	Mutton	30-60
Pork	25-35		

FISH

Lobster(S'tow)	60-70	Shrimps	80
Prawnea	16	Carp	35-60
Conger Eel	20	Mandarin	70
White bait	25	Salmon	40
Yellow fish	18-20	Cod	30-35
Soles	20-25	Pomfret	25-30
Cuttle Fish	30		

POULTRY, GAME AND EGGS

Duck ea.	80-1.30	Pheasant	1.40
Rabbits lb.	40	Wild duck	.80
Duck eggs	40-48	Quail	35
Hare ea.	70	Turkey	50
Eggs doz.	36-55	Woodcock, ea	50
Fowl	60	Goose ea.	1.20

VEGETABLES

B'boo shoots	25	Young Carrots	6
Beans, French	40	Lettuce	30
Beetroot	20	Onions	20
Big grn marrow	15	Green Peas	30
Cuccumber	30	Brussal Sprout	80
Ch. Celery bunch	10	Onions, spr.	3
Cabbage	10	Parships	10
Carrots bunch	8	Potatoes	8
Broad beans	15	Potatoes, sweet	6
Chilies	30	Potatoes, new	10
Egg-plant	20	Red Cabbage ea.	40
Endive, each	20	Spinach	8
Garlic	15	Tomatoes	40
Ginger	15	Turnips	8
Green Pepper	30	Radish, bunch	4
Horse radish	12	Fresh beans	35
Leeks, bunch	6	Kohlrabi	6
Cauliflower	30		

FRUIT

Grape Fruit ea.	25	U. S. Oranges	1.20
U.S. apple	30	Lemon ea.	15-20
Pumelo	20-25	Chestnuts	20
Chefoo apple	15-25	Tientsin pears	20
Banana	1.0	Pine Apple ea.	8

GRAIN AND FLOUR

Aus.	49lb. 7.50	Rice 220 lb.	15-60
Can. Flour	49lb. 9.50	U.S. Flour	49lb. 9.50
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Firewood 10 Bundles	$1.00
Charcoal (per 35 lb. Basket)	2.00

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COLONY'S FINANCE SATISFACTORY

Anticipated Hongkong Deficit Turns to Surplus: Military Contributions Reach Record

MILITARY contributions by Hongkong last year reached an all-time record of $5,586,415. Government pensions, $2,559,809, and expenditure on the Police Department, $3,109,696, were also records.

Despite increased expenditure under these headings, the Colony's revenue during 1937 proved so buoyant that an estimated deficit of $3,498,910 became a surplus of $1,085,146, bringing the assets of the Colony, $14,002,278, to the highest level in many years.

Financial returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the year 1937, issued this morning, disclose increased revenue over 1936, under every heading except Port and Harbour Dues. The estimated revenue of $28,760,250 was exceeded in every head. Actual revenue was $33,196,368.

Estimated expenditure of $32,259,160 was higher by $147,938 than actual expenditure, states the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Surplus for the year was maintained despite a falling off of revenue in December, when the total of $2,921,219 was less by $140,151 than in the corresponding period last year.

There was an appreciable falling off of revenue during the last month of the year in Duties and Miscellaneous Receipts.

For the yead 1937 revenue from Duties totalled $7,625,411, compared with $6,928,672 in 1936. Estimated revenue of $6,415,000 was therefore exceeded by $696,739.

Port and Harbour Dues, which were estimated to yield $635,000, yielded $625,684, compared with $638,282 in 1936. Licences and Internal Revenue not otherwise specified yielded $14,192,267, an increase of $355,085 over last year, and over a million dollars in excess of estimated revenue.

Post Office receipts reached a record of $3,254,396, which represents an increase of no less than $1,195,510. It is interesting to note that this increase in post office revenue exceeds the entire Colony surplus.

Revenue from the Kowloon Canton Railway, despite heavy anticipated loss of business through the closure of Shum Chun gambling establishments, proved exceedingly buoyant. The 1936 revenue of $1,245,469 was exceeded by $52,471, despite the fact that revenue of only $1,100,150 was estimated at the beginning of the year.

Rent of Government Property, Land and Houses increased from $1,245,469 to $1,725,848, and Miscellaneous Receipts increased from $977,877 to $1,193,719.

Land Sales Jump

Total revenue, exclusive of Land Sales, was $43,667,904, against $29,773,753 in 1936. For the first time in many years Land Sales (Premia on New Leases) showed an increase, the revenue of $5?8,463 representing a 98 per cent. increase over 1936. Revenue from this source was expected to yield only $206,000.

In view of the heavy increase in Expenditure, it is fortunate for the Colony that revenue proved so buoyant.

Expenditure of $29,513,520 in 1936 was exceeded last year by $2,587,702, principal increases being in Military Contributions, Public Works (Recurrent), the Medical Department, and the Post Office.

Military Contributions touched a new all-time record of $5,586,415, to which must be added $153,373 for the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (an increase of $15,665 over 1936) and $39,220 for the Naval Volunteer Force (an increase of $6,924 over 1936).

Pensions also reached a new record, totalling $2,559,809 as compared with $2,287,745 in 1936.

Police and Prison Cost

Maintenance of law and order other than by the military and navy called for a record expenditure of $3,109,696 for the Police, representing an increase of $279,060 over 1936, and $1,021,593 for the Prisons Department, an increase of $136,742 over 1936.

The cost of education also mounted by $172,662, the total expenditure being $2,034,562, against an estimated expenditure of $2,138,140.

Expenditure on new public works was severely slashed in order to provide the Colony's surplus. As against an expenditure of $3,052,899 in 1936, only $1,510,298 was expended under this heading last year.

The buoyancy of Hongkong's finances has brought the Excess of Assets over Liabilities to $14,002,278.

The total assets are $23,904,851, against which there are liabilities amounting to $9,902,573, and temporary liability of approximately eleven million dollars which has been advanced for new public works pending reimbursement from the balance of the 3½ per cent. Dollar Loan which remains to be floated.

HER FACE WAS HER FORTUNE

Actress Awarded £1,700 Damages

An action heard before the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart, and a special jury in the King's Bench Division, in which Miss Sylvia Reynolds, actress and mannequin, claimed damages for personal injuries stated to have been received in a collision between a motor-car and a taxi-cab in Chelsea last April, was concluded on January 27, when the jury found against the driver of the car in which Miss Reynolds was travelling and awarded her damages totalling £1,700, states the "Manchester Guardian."

Miss Reynolds, of whom it was said by counsel that "her face was her fortune," was, at the time of the accident, sitting on a man friend's knee in a car driven by Mr. Sidney Bliss, of Cambridge Terrace, London, S. W., whom she sued, together with the owner of the taxi-cab, Mr. W. J. Hardware, of Shipton Garage, Prince of Wales Road, London. She alleged that she had received a scar on her head, and shoulder and arm injuries which interfered with her occupation, at which she earned an average of £20 a week. Both defendants denied negligence.

The Summing-Up

Lord Hewart, summing up said that in the highly competitive callings followed by Miss Reynolds a person who was "out of it" for a year or a couple of years found a difficulty in getting back. That was a matter which the jury were entitled to take into account. "You have been rightly reminded," he continued, "that the medical evidence was uncontradicted. No surgeon was called on behalf of either of the defendants to contradict or to vary the medical evidence called on her behalf."

Lord Hewart said that any view that Mr. Bliss had of the taxi coming from his left was through a windscreen which was stated to be of old mica, with Miss Reynolds sitting on a man friend's knee at his side. "Not a very favourable set of circumstances, you may think, for keeping observation," the Judge remarked. Referring to the evidence of the taxi-cab driver, Lord Hewart said that the jury had seen what kind of man he was. He had thirty years' experience. He was not taking a party in the small hours of the morning for eggs and bacon at a friend's house. He was driving the cab for his livelihood."

The jury found in favour of Miss Reynolds against Mr. Bliss and awarded her damages totalling £1,700. Judgment was entered for Miss Reynolds against Mr. Bliss for this amount with costs, and in favour of Mr. Hardware with costs against Mr. Bliss.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 9, 1878

A meeting was held at the Club last evening, to consider the advisability of adopting a system of weighing tea here to correspond with that at the Port of London; that is to say that upon every package of tea grossing 25lb. and upwards, an allowance of 1lb. be made by the seller to the buyer. The feeling was unanimous in favour of such a rule, and it was resolved to press the matter upon the attention of the Chamber of Commerce.

The first steamships of the season leave for Tientsin this morning. They start later than usual, but the winter has been so severe that we fancy it is more than likely they will have still to wait some days before they can enter the Peiho. Betting as to the date of their arrival off the Settlement varies from the 15th to the 25th. As however we believe there are no less than eleven starting in the course of the day, they will scarcely be dull even if they are detained for a few days at Taku.

THE Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, arrived in his native district, Paoching, from Changsha on March 6, states a wire to the "Hwa Mei Pao." Dr. Tsiang will stay in Paoching for a week visiting relatives and friends.

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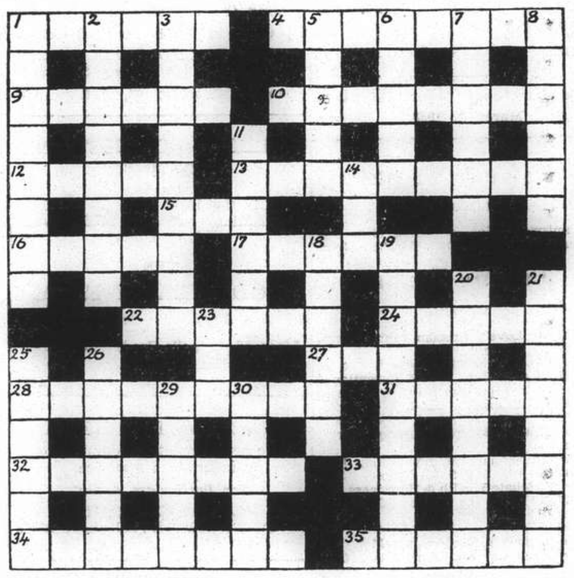

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4 Acted telling little Edward what sort of performance it was
9 Approach
10 An indoor game with an onomatopœic name
12 "For I who hold sage——'s rule the best, welcome the coming, speed the parting guest" (Pope)
13 Descriptive of perfect service at tennis
15 Bird
16 English girl who is always in France
17 Material from a llama
22 Heraldic metal
24 Town of Belgium
27 Bird
28 This man might be of use in two capacities on a cattleboat
31 River of France
32 Languid like a lady who has lost her shopping memoranda
33 This knight was a British dramatist
34 Evidence of underground excavation
35 Experienced, not necessarily in poetry

DOWN

1 If this useful work was not straight it would be cheating
2 Town to be found in Yorkshire or Surrey
3 This ship is obviously capable of doing damage
5 A foreign soldier
6 When you have lost your way it is pleasing to get this direction
7 Useful to the planter
8 Summary
11 On fire of course, obviously
14 Always to be seen in a pleasant landscape
18 A new idea is obvious
19 A stage flower
20 Brave advice to the timid
21 This English town shows where to cross the river
23 Vapour
25 Shelter
26 Plant that is used for dressing cloth
29 Masculine name
30 This town of Mesopotamia is made from a slum and nothing more

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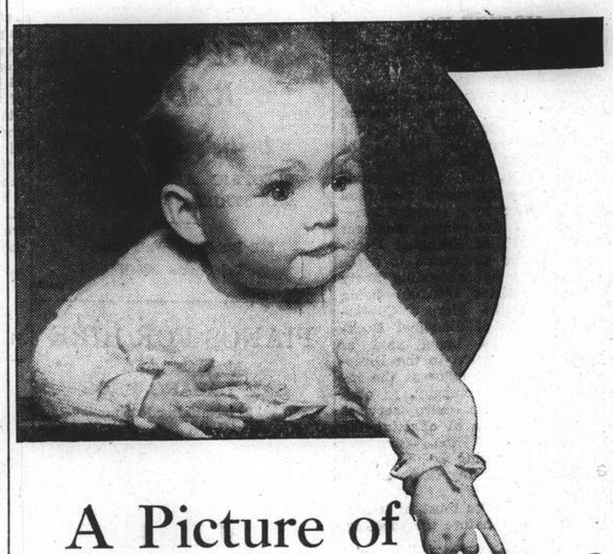

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MANCHOUKUO INCOME TAX

Government Advances Loan to Bank To Carry On: Big Building Programme To Be Undertaken

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Harbin, Feb. 20.

Several explanations regarding the enforcement of income-tax in Manchoukuo were given at a recent meeting of the Harbin Chamber of Commerce. Income-tax, it was stated, is exacted from all persons living temporarily or permanently in Manchoukuo and receiving salaries, wages, pensions, bonuses or other monetary payments—even if these come to them from abroad. On the other hand, persons living abroad and receiving money from Manchoukuo are not subject to taxation. Money given to employees to cover expenses is not included, providing an account of the expenditures be presented. Money received at regular intervals—as, for instance, employees' salaries with bonuses, if any—is taxed monthly, while money received yearly or half-yearly is taxed on payment. Persons receiving less than 70 gobi a month are exempt from taxation, the following being the method of taxing persons whose incomes exceed that amount.

Monthly Income	*Income Tax*
100 gobi	0.75 per cent.
100 gobi to 200 gobi	1.50 per cent.
200 gobi to 400 gobi	2.25 per cent.
400 gobi to 700 gobi	3.00 per cent.
700 gobi to 1,000 gobi	4.50 per cent.
Over 1,000 gobi	6.00 per cent.

The percentages include a basic tax and an additional tax. The money is collected not from the employees themselves but from their employers, on whose shoulders, therefore, rests all the responsibility and who are obliged to make compensations in case of a default.

Banking Situation

With a view to alleviating the difficult situation which has forced the Landowners' Bank in Harbin to suspend operations, credit to the amount of 100,000 gobi has been extended that bank by the Manchoukuoan Ministry of Economics. The value of the bank's property has in the course of the previous year far exceeded 100,000 gobi and now stands at 450,000 gobi. The present interest in land, it is pointed out, gives the bank's debtors a chance to sell their property and repay their debts, so that the bank's programme of acquitting their own debts is likely to proceed at an appreciable rate. Debtors were greatly relieved by this turn of affairs, for they feared that under different conditions they would be given an extremely short term in which to repay their debts, which would result in a fall in the value of land. Depositors were troubled with the question of what to do with the bank's shares now that the bank has ceased to be active.

To this it was answered that should favourable circumstances warrant a resumption of operations these shares will naturally acquire cash value and may then be bought and sold. Should, on the other hand, the bank remain in its present state of inactivity, these shares will take on the same legal status as loans of the second order. In that case as soon as the bank has repaid all loans, the remaining capital and property will belong to the shareholders; and as debts are collected and property realized the latters money would be gradually refunded. A shareholder, for instance, has 1,000 gobi in shares. As soon as the bank's total number of shares is lessened by 20 per cent. he is given 200 gobi in cash and retains 800 gobi in shares. On a further 20 per cent. decrease he is given 160 gobi in cash and retains 640 gobi in shares, and so on. Furthermore, depositors are told, they lose nothing by having part of their deposits transferred into shares, while the bank profits greatly; for the increase of the subscribed capital to 700,000 gobi is attended by a decrease of its indebtedness by 600,000 gobi. The balance is thus at once made more or less healthier and the chances of the bank's resuming operations increase. A shareholders' meeting has been scheduled for the spring, when, the hope is expressed, spring will in reality come to a revived and reorganized Landowners' Bank.

Building Programme

The banking profession is not alone in laying plans for the spring. When April melts away Harbin's cloak of snow the Municipal building programme will be started in earnest, and by the time summer comes its inhabitants, it is boasted, will be unable to recognize the city they live in. As this programme consists mainly of macadamizing the roads and improving street-lighting conditions, the boast seems a trifle extravagant, but nevertheless there is no doubt that if these plans are put into life Harbin will change visibly for the better. All the streets in the Sungari region are to be cemented and those fallen into disuse repaired, and considerable attention is to be given to the Fudziadian region where side by side with modern thoroughfares are muddy streets worthy of an up-country village. The suburbs, it is planned, will be connected to the city by wide roads while Kusiantung will be improved by a school, a hospital and even parks. As to street-lighting, the number of street lamps are to be increased to 20,000.

An ambitious government programme of exploiting the natural resources of Manchoukuo's "Saar Basin" and developing the country's heavy industry to a point where it would manufacture its own automobiles and aeroplanes was made public here recently. The "Basin" in question lies near the South Manchurian Railway, and as a first step towards the realization of these plans a steel factory costing 70,000,000 yen to build will, it is stated, be completed there in five years' time. It will stand near the Tunghua region, which is rich in coal, and not far from the Moulin mines where veins of "molibden" have been struck. "Molibden" is a very necessary component of modern warfare and is valued at 15,000 yen per ton. Japan at present imports it from the United States.

Increase in Capital

The directors of the Manchoukuoan Company for the Development of Heavy Industry will meet in Hsinking in the near future to discuss the question of increasing the company's capital to Y.1,000,000,000. Machinery and mechanical appliances will be imported from abroad, and foreign capital, it is stated, will be given the opportunity of partaking in this development scheme. "Of course," says Mr. I. Aikawa, the company's Managing Director, "several international complications may make it difficult for us to attract foreign capital. Nevertheless, we shall proceed with our plans."

Mysterious Illness

A strange and mysterious illness which strikes only at women—and strikes fatally every time—has once more reared its head in these districts. It made its first appearance last year in the Pingtsian district where several women are alleged to have been thrown into a raging fever—and in two or three days' time to have been no more. Now it seems to be stalking Wuchan, 400 miles from Harbin, where 15 women fell sick and died unanimously. This dread disease has no name. It seems to be totally unknown to science. No one can offer any reason for its fastidious abstention from the male sex. Some time ago two Japanese doctors left for Wuchan and had the bodies of the 15 victims disinterred in order to try and find some distinctive symptoms. So far they have not succeeded.

School Regulations

This will be an eventful month for foreign schools in Harbin, as with the new government regulations coming into force some of them are facing reform and some complete extinction. The latter fate is reserved for the majority of Russian schools here, who are no longer allowed to accept new pupils and whose number, by the time the present term comes to an end, will be lessened from about 20 to about 9. Private schools founded by Europeans or Americans must, the regulations state, close immediately, as extraterritoriality rights do not exist in Manchoukuo. This statement, however, paints the picture darker than circumstances warrant, for the regulations continue to say that on interceding these schools will be allowed to exist until the end of the teaching term. If they intercede once again at the end of that time they will be allowed to continue as before, providing the peoples of Manchoukuo (Manchuians, Japanese, Koreans, Russians and a few others) are not represented among their students and their teaching does not conflict with the principles of the government. Among the schools affected by the above regulation are: the Y.M.C.A. Institute, the English School, the British School, the Catholic Girls' Convent, the Hindenburg Schule and the Polish School.

A problem that is a source of worry to many governments to-day is facing the Russian community in Harbin—that of a decreasing birth-rate. If a graph were drawn of the number of marriages that occurred in that community during the past few years the line plotted would slope steadily downwards and of late would give a sharp drop—a fact which is observed with especial gloom as this is held to be the marriage season. The old-timers are complaining that the "modern views" youth holds on marriage—i.e., that the longer that step is put off the better—are to blame for this distressing condition; but the actual reason probably is, that surrounded by such economic uncertainty young people hesitate to test the truth of the adage that two can live as cheaply as one. At any rate, the older generation is apparently doing its best to counteract the fall in the birth-rate, as during the past few years the death-rate in the Russian community has also fallen off considerably.

LITTLE BUSINESS IN NORTH KIANGSU

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Delayed in Transit

Sutsien, Ku., Feb. 10.

Just after the fall of Nanking, thousands and thousands of the people of Sutsien left the city, most of them moving into smaller towns or villages away from the Grand Canal. They lived there for some weeks. As the threatened advance of the Japanese up the canal did not materialize, some of the braver people, or the more uncomfortable ones, began moving back into Sutsien.

During the past weeks this movement has been greatly accelerated.

Bandits have already begun robbing villages in some parts of North Kiangsu. Thus far, they do not feel free to operate on a very large scale, as there are some local soldiers and officers in power. If the fighting comes nearer, so that these officers of the law find it necessary to leave, the bandits will have everything their own way, for an indefinite time. This is one of the most threatening features of an ugly situation.

Troop Movements

Some weeks since, most of the Chinese soldiers along the Grand Canal between the Yangtze River and Sutsien withdrew toward the northwest, many of them went to Hsuchowfu. Thousands of them passed Sutsien in a few days, and other thousands went across country southwest of this city. For a week or more, there was no movement of troops on the Grand Canal. Then soldiers began passing here again, going southeast, down the canal toward Shaopeh, where the Japanese have maintained a small outpost. This movement may be the beginning of renewed activity along the Grand Canal, after six weeks of quiet.

Of course business conditions here are very unsatisfactory. There is a shortage of all goods which are not produced locally. There is no kerosene on sale now, and there are almost no candles. Soon there will be no soda. Matches are scarce and expensive, but all the older people know how to use flint and steel. Grain, peanuts and cotton, of which there is a local surplus, cannot be shipped out; so the prices are low, causing distress among the farmers.

All in all, the present prospect is perhaps the darkest in the memory of living men. As for the masses of the farming population, there is nothing that they can do except to hold on as best they can, and hope and pray for a better day.

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A TIBETAN FESTIVAL

"La-Ba-Fan," a High Feast on the Border and Throughout Sikang

BY TIBETAN

Tachienlu, Feb. 6.

A recent Sunday was enjoyed by the inhabitants of Tachienlu and the people all over Sikang as a day of rest and feasting. In Chinese the Festival is known as 'la-ba-fan' and in Tibetan as 'gong-mo-gu-tu'; both terms indicating a date and a feast. The Chinese term simply means the eighth of the twelth moon rice; and the significance of the Tibetan term is: the night of the ninth porridge. How this festival came about no one seems to know. The Tibetans say it came from the east and the Chinese say it came from the west. Wherever it came from it is now recognized as a regular holiday or feast-day along the frontier, and Tuden, my Tibetan teacher informs me it is also observed in Lhasa.

It is said the Laochans observe this festival in Sian and if this is so they have probably carried it from the Tibetan border to their native province. The Laoshans are the Chinese merchants all over Sikang and many of them have married Tibetan wives which some of them have taken back to Shensi, who have no doubt taken this custom with them. However, the term is found in Matthews' Chinese dictionary, and is there called the 'la-ba-chow,' or the eighth of the twelth gruel; and this may indicate that the festival is known in other parts of China. Be that as it may it is a high feast up on the border and throughout Sikang and many parts of Tibet.

A Mess of Pottage

In Chinese 'ba' indicates the eigth, in Tibetan 'gu' signifies the ninth; and in all probability the feast may last from the evening of the eighth till the morning of the ninth, thus covering both the Chinese and Tibetan dates. No explanation whatever is offered with these two dates and the only definite fact known is that an enormous feast takes place somewhere between them which can only adequately be described as a 'mess of pottage.' Year by year the children along the border look forward to this day as 'la-ba-fan' as something quite unique.

The assortment of things 'intil' would dismay a French chef. One little Chinese girl, as she was learning her lesson to-day, tried to tell me all that was "intil'-there was carrot and turnip and cabbage, and beancurd, and pork and beans, vermicelli and rice, leeks and onions and slices of ginger and powdered red peppers and salt and fermented rice and wild pepper and soy beans and numerous other things which have no equivalent in the English language.

An addition of different flavourings make this extraordinary hash a most interesting dish and is no doubt built up to touch the palate of the most fastidious gourmet. If poor Esau had smelt this delicious dish he would probably have sold much more than his birthright. When everything is nicely cooked and all is ready the family gathers round the large cauldron and each member helps himself.

"Method in Madness"

It is the one feast in the year when the fatal words or letters 'f.h.o.' are not pronounced. The smallest child may come back time and again and enjoy to the full the contents of the big pot. I have never heard but I suppose there must be some 'method in the madness' of this peculiar dish; there surely must be a certain amount of pork and not too much red pepper; and a certain amount of rice and not too much corn; and a certain amount of onions and not too much leeks; and a certain amount of ginger and not too much vermicelli; otherwise the younger members of the family might spend the evening and the morning gasping for breath.

After years of 'la-ba-fan' there is probably a very definite arrangement in the order of the ingredients especially with regard to the wild pepper grown in West Szechuan. This stuff is atrociously pungent and a little goes a long way! One peculiarity about this twelve-eight-rice is that some of it is put in a separate pot and kept for a future occasion and some of it is offered as a Thanks Offering to the spirits for mercies and blessings received and enjoyed. There is also this idea behind the Tibetan feast.

The Ingredients

In the ninth-night-pottage, as the Tibetans name the festival, they go one better than the Chinese. If held on the ninth of the moon they put in nine ingredients; if held on the 19th the mess carries 19 ingredients; and if held on the 29th the pot contains 29 ingredients. As the Tibetans have not the same wide choice of foodstuffs as the Chinese, their hash is usually made up of numerous cereals, such as, barley, flour, wheat, rice, corn buckwheat, peas, beans, and turnips, potatoes, and of course a chunk of yak beef with a good supply of red hot Chinese chillies, an ingredient of which the Tibetans are exceedingly fond.

Tuden tells me this ninth-night-pottage is enjoyed by the lamas and drabas in all the lamaseries throughout Sikang when something like this takes place: As a rule the drabas are as poor as church mice but each lama and draba makes his small contribution; one lama supplies salt; another provides peas and beans; a third contributes some dried curds; a fourth denotes a chunk of dried yak beef; a fifth subscribes a good supply of yak manure to keep the home fire burning till the pot boils up. And in this way the poor drabas spend the hours which pass from the evening of the eighth till the morning of the ninth.

A Little Drill Practice

A 'han-jien' recently was discovered in one of local teashops, his hands were bound behind his back, and the fellow was led through the streets, with a crowd shouting behind him. He was led to one of the local offices and there condemned to be shot. Those ignorant of the drama being staged were very much alarmed and frightened.

When the fellow was led through the streets they concluded, naturally, that he must be a genuine 'han-jien' and would in all probability be shot. It was soon discovered, however, that it was simply a little drill practice, and when the fellow was accused and arrested in the teashop there were those who knew it was merely a harmless joke. But the populace got a terrible fright and no doubt a severe lesson and warning was imparted to would-be traitors.

'Han-jien' is the Chinese word for traitor and if their are any in Tachienlu they know what awaits them. As the mob proceeded down the street handbills were distributed telling of two 'han-jien' who had repented and become good subjects of the Republic. The whole incident, from beginning to end, was quite dramatic. Several men entered the teashop and accused the fellow of being a 'han-jien.'

Naturally those sitting nearby when they heard this word traitor made themselves scarce. The town was for some minutes seized with fear and the fact that there was actually a 'han-jien' in the city was not a happy thought. And there might be others! Terrible! There was a sigh of relief among the population when it became known that the man was not a 'han-jien' but simply being used as a warning to the people. The Tibetan population was not slow to grasp the idea of a traitor and used the proverb: Sheep don't come near the place where goats are killed. When the curtain fell on the drama, a sense of relief came to the population.

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MUKDEN CLUB'S RED DOG NIGHT

Community Relaxes During Gay Evening

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Mukden, Feb. 25.

A cross-section of a mining town, California, 1849, was apparently the inspiration for a recent Red Dog Night in the Mukden Club. Bar, restaurant dance hall, gambling layouts, court and gaol were all provided under the expert supervision of the master bill-poster Mr. R. J. Weatherhead and his scene-shifters. Whether an historically-minded member of, "The Sons and Daughters of the Golden West," could recognize the scene as early Californian is open to question. That should cause little worry.

The entertainers were an "eyeful" of varied types of Baggage, old daguerrotypes predominating. "Mommer" T.C. O'Neill by her firm, cash-in-advance policy achieved a well stuffed cash-box through her expert exploitation of her "dear girls." The sheriff and deputies quaintly described as "Commissioner" C. D. Hobson, and "Constables" R. P. Ludden and T. C. O'Neill saw their duty and did it by arresting all those who were properly dressed. They also followed the recent trend of moral mobilization by pinching the performers for indecent dancing. This was hotly resented by the "gang," who, stimulated by the "ratpoison" purveyed as "Red Eye" by the barkeepers, Messrs, O'Grady, Pontius, Davis, Gregor, Delaney, Baker, attempted to rescue the sirens.

Old Judge Parkinson's outrageous decisions delighted everyone, with the possible, but entirely immaterial, exception of those who were sentenced to be hanged. Those celebrated "mouthpieces" Sharp, Also and Webb, were on hand to increase the unfortunate defendants' costs even though their oily efforts failed to stem the steady flow of Hizzonner's (carefully prepared) impromptu remarks.

Gambling Wide Open

Gambling was wide open, and those whose appetite or thirst did not provide sufficient ways of disposing of their surplus funds in Red Dog money had only to patronize any or all of the games to empty their "pokes" or take the bulge out of their bank-rolls. Bankers Giles and Beesley were on hand to encourage the spendthrifts, and suceeded in uttering ample supplies of "phoney phunds."

Hot dawgs, coffee and assorted hot grub were sold at lunch-counters operated by Mmes Parkinson, Webb, Greggor, Brown Delaney.

When partners for the dancers were scarce or Red Dog notes were not flowing freely enough to suit "Ma" O'Neill, the dancers Dorothy Bolitho, Edna Brown, Helen Delaney and Mrs. Newcomb put on a turn labelled "San Francisco," which made even the "cops" sit up and take notice. Later a deep-laid plot to increase the turn-over by driving the non-dancers to drink was exposed. The tandem-bikers' hymn, "Daisy, Daisy," which died in the gay 'nineties, was exhumed by the "coon-shouters" Boyd, Anna Cummings, Stenas Davis, Anna Batourin, Helen Delaney and Leonova.

The barkeepers likewise put in a bid for increased turnover. Their songs without music being carefully calculated to drive strong men drinkwards. Final scores were—casualities: 224 "Dead soldiers" and one wounded lawyer.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Wenchow, Feb. 26.

To-day, at last the city has received its first little taste of air bombing. Siren warnings were heard at intervals since the commencement of hostilities, though few, if any, since Christmas. Then three days ago there were two warnings in the one day, three the next and again this morning three, the last one introducing the bombing.

One is fervently glad not to have to report any of the ghastly horrors that the inhabitants have learned to expect as the normal result of modern air-bombing. The six raiders confined their attentions entirely to the airfield outside the south gate, dripping 48 bombs on the field itself, and it was not the fault of the airmen that a man and his daughter belonging to a neighbouring farmhouse were too scared to remain under cover, and so were killed. Three are said to have been wounded by flying fragments.

Mission Picnic Ruined

Some members of the English Methodist Mission including two ladies and a small boy were caught near the scene of the bombing when taking advantage of the sunny weather, they had arranged a country picnic. They had just time to lie flat beside the roadway, where they could watch the bombs dropping, several at a time. Two squads of three aeroplanes swooped round in great circles alternately arriving over the field and releasing bombs, and the entire manœuvre took from 12.10 until about 1 p.m.

This scare has not been altogether unexpected, although as is well known, Wenchow possesses not a vestige of any kind of military or industrial objective. But because of the natural security of this quiet old harmless city, trade has been brisk and vessels have been calling. This condition would tend to attract the attention of the Japanese military, who might mistakingly draw the conclusions that Wenchow was acting as a receiving port for places in the interior.

Self-Contained Country Town

The fact is, Wenchow is a city of small industries (paper, umbrellas) and certain fruit and vegetable products (Wenchow bitter oranges) and is effectively isolated from the interior, being as self-contained, as any small country town of only a few thousand inhabitants. Mountains raise a wall on the west, and the sea is to the east. North and south in Techow and Fukien, are areas having different customs and languages. Thus the produce carried either in or out by the foreign steamships now running the blockade represents the normal, or less than normal, trade of a confined country area.

It has been believed all along that these facts would be a better protection to the city than anti-aircraft guns. Probably, too, the Japanese have not considered the mean wooden houses to be worth the price of an expensive bomb.

No Military Equipment

But fears were entertained for the aerodrome or rather air field for no aeroplanes were stationed there. There are no store buildings, barracks or hangars, but only one small army hut, the only building in this large field (which was first laid out by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek at the time of the Fukien rebellion), which was completely surrounded by bomb craters, and badly damaged, although not directly hit.

A few days previous a Chinese aeroplane (some say there were two) stopped on the field on a journey to the north. Its visit was only momentary, and, moreover, it is probably almost the first instance since August of the field being used, so apparantly the enemy are under some misapprehension as to its importance.

The Healthy Infant

The healthy infant needs no medicine, and fortunate indeed are the parents of such a child. Yet, in spite of loving care and attention, almost every child at some time or other is affected by one of the many minor health troubles of childhood. He may be constipated, or his digestion be upset through over-feeding, resulting in 'wind', colic, and perhaps diarrhoea in a mild form, he may be feverish, show signs of a cold, or if unduly irritable worms may be his trouble.

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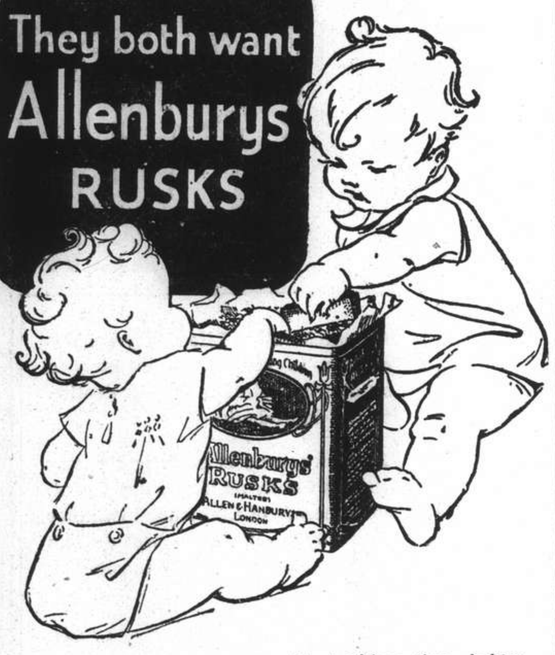

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MARRIAGE

MYERSCOUGH—BALLARD.—On March 8, 1938 at H.B.M. Consulate-General, before A. G. M. Ogden, Esq., DOROTHY GRACE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ballard of Birmingham, to LEONARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Myerscough, of Liverpool. -2730

DEATH

SCHERBAKOFF.—On Sunday, March 6, 1938, at 150 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, AFANASI IVANOVITCH SCHERBAKOFF, aged 48 years. Civil Services under the auspices of the U.S.S.R. Consulate-General will be held to-day, Wednesday, March 9, at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road, at 5 p.m. 13115

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POLITICAL REALISM

The publication of the fourth White Paper since 1935 on the subject of British rearmament, and the speech made by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons on the same subject should leave no doubt in the minds of other governments of the determination of Great Britain, not only to continue to develop her defences, but to persist in her endeavours to bring about a general appeasement of the existing worldwide tension. It is no figment of imagination when he describes as "enormous and almost terrifying," the power which the nation is now building up, nor is he unduly optimistic when he believes it will have a sobering and steadying effect upon world opinion. It has been felt by men of the type of the Prime Minister that the policy of Great Britain during the past twenty years, animated as it undoubtedly was with the best of intentions in the service of world peace, failed largely because of the fact that in her enthusiasm for the limitation of armaments Great Britain had disarmed to such an extent that she had lost much of the authority of her voice when dealing with international questions. There was undoubtedly in some of the chancelleries of Europe, and possibly elsewhere, a steadily growing opinion that it was possible to disregard Great Britain with impunity. It is to that that many of the developments which have occurred all over the world can be traced, the British lion was regarded by some as a decrepit, mangy old beast with an enfeebled roar and an incomplete set of teeth. The animal it was felt by some could be completely ignored except on occasions when it was felt that a little tail-twisting would add to the gaiety of nations. With astonishing rapidity all that is being changed. It is a costly proceeding and immense sums of money are being, and will continue to be spent until the completion of the programme in 1941, but, if the event proves the correctness of the Prime Minister's view that in Great Britain's preparedness is to be found the best guarantee of world peace, it will be money well spent, though there will always remain the regret that it could not have been spent on better and more productive objects.

That regret must be tempered by the knowledge that that sum now believed to be considerably in excess of the originally estimated £1,500,000,000 must be regarded as an insurance premium, insuring not only against the probability of war, but also against the danger, should such a war break out, of Great Britain being inadequately fitted to meet the heavy responsibilities which would then devolve upon her. Powerful as are the forces which are now in preparation, they are not be be used for aggression. Great Britain has no need to follow such a policy, but it is essential that she should be able to protect her interests wherever they may be threatened, and it may be taken for granted that by the time the five year rearmament plan has been completed she will be in a position to do so. Simultaneously with this development, Mr. Chamberlain is still doing his utmost to bring about the appeasement of Europe, and he has emphasized that no past memories and no present misrepresentations will deter him from doing what he can to restore confidence and tranquillity of mind in Europe. It is possible that, as it is impressed upon the world at large that Great Britain will meet every threat of competitive armament with all the resources that she has at her disposal, Mr. Chamberlain's work for peace will prove more successful than have the efforts which were made under the ægis of Earl Baldwin and Mr. Anthony Eden. Mr. Chamberlain has obviously abandoned the ideological basis upon which former foreign policy was erected, and applying to present conditions the policy of realism seeks to bring about a reformation in world political trends which may yet secure much of that which the League of Nations failed to achieve. It is significant that while Mr. Chamberlain claims to be a better friend of the League than some who spoke for it, he emphasized in his speech to the Commons that to-day it is mutilated, halt and lame. That fact had sooner or later to be openly recognized. The commencement of the rearmament scheme in 1936 was a covert recognition of the fact, but a greater degree of reality has been imported into British foreign policy by these recent open admissions. Hence the Prime Minister was able to inform the House that it was significant that generally speaking, throughout the country, there was a conviction that the course embarked upon when rearmament was begun was unavoidable.

Opposition to the Prime Minister's motion asking for approval of the proposals contained in the White Paper took the usual lines. Opposition Labour condemned the building of immense armaments to further "the dangerous foreign policy undertaken by the Government in defiance of its election pledges," and, insisting that the safety of the country and the maintenance of peace could only be attained through collective security under the League, was stated by Mr. Lees-Smith to be willing to provide the arms necessary to implement such a policy. It is a paradoxical argument when the facts are considered. Labour endorsed rearmament when it was first proposed. There was then, it is true, no suggestion that the British attitude towards the League would undergo any material change: now that there has been some modification Labour is opposed to what is now planned. But such paradoxes are the natural outcome of the continual clash between ideals and reality, and it is fortunate that the Opposition in the House of Commons is of such dimensions as to offer no threat to the continuance of the present coalition in power. By majorities of over two hundred the Labour amendment was defeated and the Government's resolution carried. Those figures undoubtedly represent the actual state of mind in the country at large, though probably the division was taken under party whips. They are an indication that there is very little real danger now of an election being forced, as it was thought at one time, following Mr. Eden's resignation, would be brought about, and that Mr. Chamberlain can proceed with his policy for the general appeasement of Europe confident of more than sufficient support in Parliament for his purposes. They are indicative of more. They show the world at large that the aforetime timidities in British foreign policy are passing away, that Great Britain is becoming increasingly able to follow a positive policy. Therein lies the promise of ultimately effective contributions to the peace of the world. The time has not yet come for the idealistic lamb to seek to lie down with the very realistic lion, though it is perfectly apparent that, so long as the lamb is equipped with means of self defence, it will be able to command a degree of respect which normally it would not obtain. Another paradox, perhaps; but then, the world is full of them nowadays.

GALLANTRY AT SEA

The dimensions of the tragedy resulting from the sinking of the Spanish Nationalist cruiser Baleares is surely sufficient answer to the question, asked by a Labour member of the House of Commons, as to whether it was necessary that British lives should be risked in the work of transshipping rescued seamen back to belligerent warships. Six hundred seamen lost their lives while the British navy was able to save about 200. More would have been rescued if they had only heeded the signals of the British destroyers to the members of the crew of the ill-fated vessel instructing the men to jump overboard. For some reason they neglected to do so, and it is but natural to suppose that most of the killed went down with, or were sucked down by the sinking ship. Nevertheless some 200, who managed to get free of the doomed vessel, were saved by means of lifebelts and boats. The crews of the Kempenfelt and Boreas were acting up to the finest traditions of the British Navy, and there would have been much criticism if they had adopted any such line of conduct as that suggested by the questioner. It would have been the height of callousness if these unfortunate men had been left to their fate without any endeavour being made to assist them. The fact that they were members of a fighting force engaged in action should mean nothing to neutral sailors, and from that point of view there is no material difference between the Yolande receiving assistance from the British navy off the coast of Shantung and these men hurled to their death receiving aid in the waters of the Mediterranean. It is one of Britain's proud boasts that her naval men, splendid fighters as they are in times of war, are animated by the merciful desire to help people in distress; to have left these men to get out of their trouble as best they might would have reflected grievously upon British traditions. Able Seaman George Long, killed while the Kempenfelt and Boreas were picking up Spanish survivors, died just as gloriously in naval tradition as if he had actually been fighting for his country, and the fact that he is deemed to have died in action fully recognizes this.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

One of the advantages of a great newspaper is its multiplicity of news services, of differing national tendencies, which enables its staff to obtain a complete picture of a situation and present it fairly to its readers. Covered from different angles the result is generally an unbiased version of events from which the reader can draw his own conclusion and form his own opinion. Is there any wonder for an editorial headache in view of these versions of happenings in the Japanese Diet on Monday:

Mr. Koki Hirota, Japanese Foreign Minister, told the Diet here to-day that fresh efforts were being made to promote peace talks between Japan and China. He said an "unnamed third power" was attempting to promote the peace negotiations . . .

Foreign Minister Hirota and War Minister Sugiyama both reiterated before the budget committee in the House of Representatives that Japan is determined to continue the campaign in China to a successful conclusion. Hirota declared that no peace negotiations with China were in progress. He stated that there would be no possibility of a third power intervening in future . . .

Press reports asserting that Great Britain and other Powers intended to intercede in the Sino-Japanese dispute were flatly denied in the Diet yesterday by Foreign Minister Koki Hirota . . .

There is no suggestion that there is any deliberate transformation of what appears to have been a single statement, but it is one of those peculiar incidents in a world of censorship restriction and interpretation which makes the task of the independent newspaper extremely difficult. It is a case of "You pays your money and you takes your choice."

Resignation of Mr. E. Haward

For reasons of health, Mr. Edwin Haward, editor of "North-China Daily News" has tendered his resignation of that post. For some considerable time he has been suffering indifferent health and his medical advisers in London, on his arrival there, emphatically advised against his return to Shanghai as inimical to his condition.

IN PARENTHESIS

Blades Wanted

A MAN in Capetown has a pet ostrich. Visitors to the house soon get used to its inquiring face at the bathroom window begging for old razor blades.

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"Tough"

"Isn't it sad," said the kind-hearted landlady, "to think that this bird was cut down in its youth to satisfy our appetities."

"Yes," said the boarder, struggling with his portion, "it is tough!"

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Personal Pride

"WHAT do you think of young Dauber's pictures? Pretty bad, aren't they?"

"Yes; and yet I know one man who thinks them very fine, and who owns a lot of them."

"Who can it be?"

Dauber."

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Director

A SMALL boy, who had secured a situation as office-boy, was asked, when he came home after the first day's work what his duties were.

"Oh," he answered with a proud air, "I'm a director.

"A director!" exclaimed his father.

"Yes," persisted the boy. "You see, one of the directors didn't turn up, and I had to take his place."

He had been directing envelopes.

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More to Go

IN a mining village, on a biting cold day, a pit lad stood staring at the huge thermometer which was the latest attraction at a stationer's shop. The fluid stood at six degrees below freezing.

He was joined by a companion, who exclaimed, in the Tyneside vernacular: "Cauld day, Bill!"

"Nay, Geordie, my man, it isn't cauld a bit. Don't you see it is not up to freezing yet?"

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Matrimonial Economics

A SCOTTISH farmer's son had the misfortune to fall in love with two girls at once. The one was tall and strapping, the other was small and slim.

The puzzled lover at once asked his father's advice.

"Well," said the father, "ther's sae muckle machinery used in farmin' nooadays that a big, active wife is no' o' muckle use; so I advise you to take the little ane—she'll eat less, onyway!"

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Business Initiative

Two men joined the police force. They were so keen that they summoned dozens of people on minor charges, and most of the defendants had to pay fines. The two young constables were on the eve of promotion when the inspector was surprised to receive their resignations.

"Why do you wish to leave the force?" he asked. "Are you discontented in any way?"

"It's not that," replied one of them. "Myself and Dan intend starting a station of our own. He'll run in the beggars and I'll fine them."

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Slap Bang Business

A VERY particular housekeeper was having her bedroom painted. Wishing to learn what progress the painter was making, she crept to the bottom of the stairs and listened. Not a sound reached her ears.

"Painter," she called, becoming suspicious, "are you working?"

"Yes, ma'am," came the reply.

"I can't hear you making a sound," the housekeeper rejoined.

"Perhaps not, ma'am," the painter called back. I ain't putting the paint on with a hammer!"

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A Mariner

A mariner can find no rest
Or peace of mind when he's on land;
But swifter his heart in his breast
Will beat when he alone can stand
On narrow wooden deck, and feel
The cool air blowing around his head,
And hear the turning of the wheer
Amid the silence of the dead.

Surveying with experienced eye
Each beacon, buoy or mountain ridge,
With tedious hours dragging by
While standng on his lofty bridge,
He heeds not time, but only knows
The stretching sea in front of him,
A bit of land which hardly shows
In outlines distant, scarce and dim

And then there comes a raging storm,
With rain and thunder in the skies,
Which madly hurls the ship's small form
In vastness which about it lies.
Inspite of rolling, and the beat
Of rain, with systematic tread
He moves about on patient feet,
With watchful, clear and careful head.

And there are times when there's no hope,
And water sweeps the decks, and fills
The holds, and he feels he can't cope
With creaking masts, and heavy reels
To port and starboard, but he still
Give orders though with storm they blend;
And his unbending iron will
Makes him a hero to the end!—E.K.

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

Yesterday	Min.	31.0	Max.	36.5
Same date, 1937	Min.	43.0	Max.	52.5

Rainfall .13 (snow melted)

Siccawei Recordings:—

Yesterday	Min.	29.1	Max.	36.9
Same date, 1937	Min.	41.5	Max.	55.6

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 1th:—Siberian anti-cyclone spreading over China and Korea: depression crossing Japan east-north-eastward. Fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy and colder weather with sleet or fog in our regions.

State on the morning of the 28th:—Snowy and cold weather. North-north-westerly wind. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4-30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy to fine and cold weather with fresh north-westerly to northerly winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy and cold with morning fog and north-westerly to north-easterly winds over our Coasts. Overcast with rain or local fog and fresh to rather strong north-easterly winds over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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in memory of A. E. Mandel.

BRITAIN'S IMMENSE ARMAMENT POLICY DEFENDED

Commons Endorses Prime Minister's Policy After Full Explanation by Mr. Chamberlain

FUNDS NEEDED FOR "TERRIFYING POWER"

London, Mar. 8.

"SIGHT of this enormous and almost terrifying power which Great Britain is building up will have a sobering and steadying effect on world opinion," declared the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in opening a debate in the House of Commons yesterday on the White Paper issued last week outlining the nation's defence programme for the coming year.

"Everyone knows," he added, "that these forces, powerful as they are, are not going to be used for aggression. If I desire to see our country strong, it is because I believe that in her strength lies the best hope of peace. Side by side with the progress of building up her strength, I would lose no opportunity of trying to remove the causes of strife. No past memories and no present misrepresentations will deter me from doing what I can to restore confidence and tranquillity of mind in Europe."

The debate on Mr. Chamberlain's motion asking the House to approve the Defence White Paper, and an Opposition Labour amendment moved by Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith condemning the building of immense armaments "to further the dangerous foreign policy undertaken by the Government in defiance of its election pledges." The Labour amendment was subsequently rejected by 351 votes to 134, and the Prime Minister's motion carried by 347 votes to 133.

In moving his amendment, Mr. Lees-Smith expressed a belief that the safety of the country and the maintenance of peace could only be attained through collective security under the League. Labour, he said, was willing to provide the arms necessary to implement such a policy.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition, said that if they were to make this colossal effort in rearmament, they needed to be assured that Britain's lead would be assured not only in quantity but also in quality and design.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a brief speech, referred to the influence of the Frency Army in preserving peace in Europe.

"Close military association between Britain and France, he added, "is our surest safety and strongest hope of having no war."

Mr. Chamberlain's Speech

Opening the debate, Mr. Chamberlain dwelt on the significance of the fact that, for four successive years, the House should have had to discuss the rearmament programme.

It was, he thought, no less significant that throughout the country there was a conviction that rearmament could not have been avoided and that the programme must be carried through to its end.

Regarding the finance of the programme, he said one thing was certain. The £1,500,000,000, which so little time ago they had contemplated, was now insufficient, though it was too soon to say what total would have to be substituted. He was afraid the House must expect a substantial advance on the original estimate.

These were grave figures, and he reiterated his earnest hope for the success of the Government's efforts for a European appeasement to be followed in due course by disarmament. In the meantime, there could be no relaxation of their exertions.

Co-Ordination of Defence

In a lengthy review of the activities of the Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, Mr. Chamberlain said that the co-ordination which, before his appointment, did exist, had been greatly strengthened and improved by Sir Thomas Inskip's efforts. In particular there had been a great speed-up in planning and strategy. Never before had planning for strategic purposes been brought to so advanced a stage.

The Prime Minister went on to describe the comprehensive enquiry made to establish the relationship of the defence programme to the available resources of man-power, productive capacity and finance.

All these factors were closely connected with the credit of the country and the general trade balance, and needed to be weighed with special care to avoid undue interference with ordinary business in peace time.

The Government, Mr. Chamberlain indicated, adhered to the opinion that interference with industry should be a minimum essential because wars were not only won by arms and men, but with reserves of resources and credit.

Economic Staying Power

The staying power of a nation depended on the maintenance of its commercial and industrial activities. Looking over the country's past history, they saw that staying power had played an important part in contributing to victory.

The economic stability of the country, its possession of staying power, was recognized as a powerful deterrent against attack because, unless the enemy felt able to knock out the victim by a sudden blow—and Mr. Chamberlain thought recent experience was not very encouraging to that theory—the strongest people would hesitate to attack and risk a struggle with a country whose staying power might enable it indefinitely to prolong resistance.

The Government, therefore, were determined to keep in the forefront the preservation of the country's industrial and economic stability and, with that in view, had in the enquiry just mentioned, taken account of all relevant considerations and factors—the international situation, the objects for which the programme was designed, the productive capacity of the country, its resources in labour, particularly skilled labour, armaments of other countries and, finally, finance.

The results of the inquiry, after weighing all those considerations and facts, had been translated into a balanced plan of defence preparation and expenditure.

Objectives of Policy

At this point the Prime Minister interpolated in his argument some observations on the special point of position of the air force in a balanced plan and with particular reference to Mr. Stanley Baldwin's statement four years ago that the Government would see that the air strength and power of the country should not be inferior to that of any other country within striking distance.

Mr. Chamberlain explained why he could not regard the so-called first-

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Anglo-Italian Parleys Begin Through Envoy

All Attacks Against Britain Cease in Italian Press

POLAND MAY SEEK PART IN POWERS' PACT

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rome, Mar. 8.

Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Italy, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, will begin the Anglo-Italian talks this evening. Their first task will be to prepare an outline of the forthcoming negotiations.

The conversations will probably begin in earnest after Thursday's meeting of the Fascist Grand Council when international affairs will be discussed. A statement will probably be made on the subject of Anglo-Italian relations at the conclusion of that meeting.

Meanwhile, the Italian press makes no comment on the talks, but all attacks on Britain have ceased while Italian correspondents in London are quick to record any indication of British goodwill towards Italy.

Col. Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister who is here on a goodwill visit, is reported to have had conversations yesterday with Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano on the question of including Poland with the four Western Powers—Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany—in any understanding concerning western Europe.—Reuter.

Egypt to Be Consulted

Cairo, Mar. 8.

The Egyptian Government has issued a communique revealing that Great Britain has assured Egypt that, in accordance with the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, she will agree to nothing in the forthcoming conversations between Britain and Italy, which may affect Egyptian interests, without first consulting Egypt.—Reuter.

Far East Not Concerned

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Far Eastern questions will not be discussed at the forthcoming Anglo-Italian conversations, Signor Giacinto Auriti, Italian Ambassador here, informed the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, last night. Negotiations, he was reported as saying, will deal with the settlement of all outstanding European problems, such as the situation in Spain and the Mediterranean.—Domei.

Rome Denies Negus Bargain

Rome, Mar. 8.

Reports that Haile Selassie received an offer from the Italian Government inviting him to return to Abyssinia, were emphatically denied officially here yesterday afternoon in a statement characterizing the report as an "absurd lie."—Trans-Ocean.

FINAL EFFORT MADE ON NAVAL ISSUE

Parleys Begin in Tokyo to Prevent Arms Race

London, Mar. 8.

A determined last-minute effort to check the present naval race is understood to have been initiated by the leading naval Powers.

While informal discussions between British, French and American naval experts are proceeding in London on the question of Japan's naval building programme, informal talks are stated to have also started in Tokyo.

The result of the London conversations will naturally be affected by the outcome of any enquiries in the Japanese capital, but neither set of conversations, according to well-informed circles, has yet reached a sufficiently concrete stage for any announcement to be made.

The possibility of an agreement is believed to hinge largely on a modification by Japan of her demand for parity with Great Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

U.S. Instructions

Washington, Mar. 7.

It is understood that the State department has sent instructions to the American Ambassador in London, Mr. W. P. Kennedy, concerning present negotiations on the subject of abandoning certain clauses of the London Naval Treaty.

According to these instructions, the United States are willing to abide by the rule forbidding the construction of vessels between 8,000 and 18,000 tons, but desire freedom of action concerning battleships, and advocate the suppression of the present 35,000-ton limit.—Havas.

WINTER PAYS RETURN VISIT TO SHANGHAI

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

A heavy fall of snow converted Shanghai yesterday into a series of unusual vistas of winter—until the sun came out and spoiled the picture. These photographs were taken yesterday morning and show snow scenes on land and afloat with a formidable "snow man" built by enthusiasts in Jessfield Park.

British Policy Towards China Still Unchanged

Peiping Regime Interference in Chefoo Protested

CODE TELEGRAPHS BEING DEFLECTED MEANWHILE

London, Mar. 8.

There had been no change in he British Government's friendly policy towards China, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of States for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question by Mr. R. H. Morgan, Conservative member for the Stourbridge division of Worcestershire, in the House of Commons to-day.

The recent resolution of the League Council, in favour of according all available help by League members to China, Mr. Butler added, was being considered, but he was not at present in a position to make a statement.

In reply to Cmdr. Arthur Marsden, Conservative member for the Chertsey division of Surrey, the Under-Secretary informed the House that the British Consul at Chefoo had reported that the Chinese Telegraph office there, under instructions from the Peiping "Provisional Government," was refusing to accept code telegrams.

A protest, he said, had been lodged, and arrangements had been made for British commercial messages to be passed temporarily through other channels.—Reuter.

CLASHES IN VIENNA OVER NAZIS

Fatherland Front Men Force Removal of Emblems

Vienna, Mar. 8.

Minor clashes occurred here today when followers of the Fatherland Front forced Nazis to remove Nazi emblems in accordance with the Government decree.

At Graz, 3,000 Nazi Storm Troopers massed in the Government building shouting, "We want a Nazi administration."—United Press.

Workers Demand Rights

Vienna, Mar. 8.

A few hours before the Nazi demonstration in Graz, the first public Socialist meeting in Austria in four years was held in the Florsdorf district of Vienna.

It was attended by 500 factory delegates, including many just released from concentration camps, who demanded freedom for workers as a condition for supporting Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Chancellor, against the Nazis.—Reuter.

Austrian Minister in Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 7.

Following closely on the heels of the recent visit to Germany by Herr Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Austrian Home Minister, Dr. Glaise von Horstenau, Austrian State Minister, arrived in Stuttgart to-day to deliver a lecture here on "The year 1,000—fateful year for Germany."

Upon his arrival in Stuttgart, the Minister declared that he was happy to serve Germany's cause as an Austrian Minister.

He also expressed joy at being on German territory after the delivering act of February 12, and at being a witness of the moral uplift displayed by all German peoples.

The lecture will be given to-night before the Institute for German Settlers Abroad.—Havas.

REAR-ADMIRAL MARQUART LEAVES HANKOW

Hankow, Mar. 8.

Rear-Admiral Edward J. Marquart, Commander of the United States Yangtze Patrol since February, 1937, will leave to-morrow, by air, for Hongkong en route to America. Rear-Admiral David E. LeBreton, formerly Chief-of-Staff of the United States Fleet, has been appointed to relieve Rear-Admiral Marquart.—Reuter.

OGPU EX-CHIEF REPUDIATES PART OF CONFESSION

Yagoda Admits He Ordered Killing of Maxim Gorky: Doctors Tell Moscow Court of Poison Plot

Moscow, Mar. 8.

M. YAGODA, former head of the Ogpu, repudiated part of his earlier confession at the resumption this morning of the treason trial before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court. He denied he had ordered the killing of M. Peshkov and M. Menzhinsky, M. Yagoda's predecessor as head of the Ogpu, who died on May 10, 1934, of heart trouble. M. Yagoda, however, admitted that he had ordered the death of M. Kubishev and Maxim Gorkj.—Reuter.

Moscow, Mar. 7.

M. Nikolai Yezhov, Commissar of the Soviet Secret Police, is suffering from effects of attempts to murder him by slow poisoning administered by M. H. G. Yogoda, M. Yezhov's predecessor, and M. P. P. Bulanov, a former Secret Police leader, a group of medical experts testified to-day before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court.

Answering the questions of M. Andrew Vishinsky, Soviet Prosecutor, the medical experts stated, "It may be said that the accused, M. Yogoda and M. Bulanov used dangerous and effective means of slow poisoning against M. Yezhov and it may be said that M. Yezhov's health is consequently considerably damaged."

The medical experts said that "if the criminals had not been discovered, M. Yezhov's death would have resulted."

After calling Prof. L. V. Levin, head of the Kremlin Hospital, and Prof. D. D. Pletnev, heart specialist, on trial for the murder of M. Maxim Gorky, to the witness box, M. Vishinsky read in open court a letter from Dr. Bellostotsky, of the Kremlin Hospital, which by inference accused the defendants of the crime.

Dr. Bellostotsky in his letter said that despite his objection, Dr. Levin ordered the injection of a large quantity of drugs into M. Gorky's body. The order was said to have been issued by Dr. Levin after he had conferred with other members of his staff.

Ten minutes before M. Gorky's death, Dr. Bellostotsky said, Prof. Pletnev told the other attending physicians, "Let the sick man die quietly. Why administer any more medicine."—United Press.

Provincial Trials

Moscow, Mar. 7.

Simultaneously with the Moscow trial, several other Trotzkyist trials are going on in various parts of Soviet Russia. The Moscow press, is silent on the matter but details are revealed by the Soviet provincial press.

At Cheliabinsk, fourteen officials of a tractor factory are accused of Trotzykism, while at Sima near Chita, eleven railway officials are charged with espionage on behalf of Japan. In the town of Komsomolsk buit by Communist youths in the Far East, seven young Communists including girls, are accused of having formed a Trotzkyist cell.

Seventeen members of the military garrison and four members of the local department of the Commissariat of the Interior at Petropalovsk in Kamchatka have been executed for sabotage of the national defence and for undermining the Red Army.

Radek to Write Book

Karl Radek, an old Bolshevik leader under Lenin, has been instructed by the Ogpu to write a book on Trotskyism and its methods in the form of a personal confession.

Radek some months ago was imprisoned by the Ogpu for Trotskyism and banished to Siberia after a sensational trial. He has been living for some weeks near Leningrad. Because he made serious accusations against numerous leading Communists during the trial and was the first to draw the attention of the secret police to Marshal Tuchatshevsky who was subsequently shot, Radek was set free in order to work for the Ogpu.—Trans-Ocean.

Bukharin Denies Plot

Moscow, Mar. 7.

Despite testimony to the contrary, M. Nikolai Bukharin, former President of the Internationale and editor of the "Izvestia," to-day denied he had plotted the actual murder of M. Nikolai Lenin. He claimed he only wanted to arrest M. Lenin and M. Josef Stalin in order to protect their lives.

M. Bukharin made his denial in the face of incriminating testimony offered by M. Valerian Ossinsky who said, M. Bukharin and M. Leon Trotsky were at the bottom of the plot in which the socialist revolutionary, Fanny Kaplan, had shot M. Lenin in the neck in 1918.—United Press.

FOREIGNER KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Knocked Down by Truck in Hongkew District

Mr. A. Essoyan, a 20-year-old Armenian, was found fatally injured in the head in East Broadway, near Arthur Road, at about 4 p.m. yesterday. He died while on the way to General Hospital.

Enquiries by the Hongkew Police revealed that the foreigner had been knocked down by a motor truck at the time. An ambulance was called to convey him to General Hospital.

A foreign eye-witness to the accident was questioned by the Police. The identity of the truck was not revealed by the officer working on the case.

Mr. Essoyan was believed to be employed as a watchman or caretaker at the time of the accident.

An inquest will be held by the Chinese authorities this morning.

COLD WEATHER IN HANKOW

Snow Falls Heavily Together with Thunderstorm

Hankow, Mar. 8.

Hankow has had a return of cold weather during the past two days following the false appearance of summer last week. Snow has fallen heavily since Sunday night, while in the midst of the heaviest fall this morning thunder and lightning struck the river port. It was an unusual sight to see the snow covered city lit up by brilliant streaks of lightning.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 38 degrees (Fahrenheit) and the minimum 32 degrees, compared with a maximum of 72.3 degrees at the peak of last week's heat wave.

Despite the bad weather, four trucks crowded with representatives of local women's organizations motored through the streets of Hankow to-day in observance of "Women's Day."

Slowly making their way through the blinding snow-storm, the women sang patriotic songs and shouted slogans winning applause from the onlookers for their plucky demonstration.—Reuter.

RUMANIA RECOGNIZES ITALIAN EMPIRE

Bucharest, Mar. 8.

Rumania has now officially recognized the Italian Empire. M. Zanfirescu has been appointed the new Minister to Rome accredited to King and Emperor.—Reuter.

English Mission Worker Murdered By Brigand Gang

Methodist Station Looted Near Chaotung

OTHER MISSIONARIES ESCAPE

The Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Shanghai, yesterday received a telegram from the English Methodist Mission at Chaotung, Yunnan, stating that the mission station at Stone Gateway, 20 miles from Chaotung, has been looted by Chinese brigands, and the Rev. R. Heber Goldsworthy murdered. The Rev. and Mrs. Edward H. Moody, other members of the Mission, escaped unhurt.

The Rev. Mr. Goldsworthy, who was between 40 and 45 years of age, came to China in 1921 to join the Methodist Mission, and in 1936, with Mr. Moody, took over from Mr. Hudspeth work among the Miao tribes when the latter came to Shanghai to take up his present work. The deceased, who was born in Bristol, leaves a wife and two children who have been resident in England about two years.

The English Methodist Mission has been working in Yunnan province for 50 years, and this is the first time they have lost one of their workers by violence.

MISSIONARIES TAKE FOOD SUPPLIES

Leave Shanghai with Carload for Hangchow

Two American missionaries, Dr. Fred P. Manget and Mr. Robert T. Henry, left here yesterday for Hangchow with a car-load of supplies for the foreign community of the lakeside city.

A part of the supplies will later be taken by Miss Ava Morton, a missionary-nurse, and Chinese medical staff, to Huchow on Lake Tai, where they are to reopen a mission hospital.

A freight car was put at the disposal of the two men following negotiations between the Japanese and American authorities here. Forty foreigners still remaining in Hangchow were said to be in great need of foreign foodstuffs and other supplies.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS OFF FUKIEN

Renewed Fears of Invasion in South China

Canton, Mar. 8.

Renewed fears of an early Japanese invasion of South China were aroused here to-day by Chinese reports that Japanese warships were concentrating off the Fukien coast.

Military activity and defence preparations have been intensified in various parts of Kwangtung as a result of the reports which, strangely enough, have failed to create any excitement among the populace.

Canton is enjoying a period of absolute quiet. With the exception of a visit by Japanese 'planes to Bocca Tigris on Sunday, air-raid scares have been conspicuously absent.—Reuter.

CHINESE HOUSE ROBBED OF $700 BY FIVE MEN

Money, jewellery and clothing to the amount of $700 were stolen from a Chinese house at 8 Chu Kaung Li, Fokien Road, at 8 p.m. yesterday by five men, three of whom were armed with pistols. After the robbers had already escaped, a report was made to the police. Ten minutes earlier, one man armed with a pistol broke into a tea shop at 576 Connaught Road. Having intimidated the occupants, the man stole a tin box containing only $8.30 and left.

Japanese Cross Yellow River, Then Repulsed

Occupy Fuku for Three Days, Retreat to Paoteh

INCREASED ACTIVITY OF GUERILLA BANDS

Hankow, Mar. 8.

Japanese detachments, having reached the north bank of the Yellow River opposite Tungkwan, are shelling the Tungkwan Railway Station, on the Lunghai Railway. All railway, telegraph, telephone and post office workers, it is understood, withdrew to Tungkwan on March 2, after blowing up 80 locomotives and 500 coaches.

A Japanese detachment, it is learned, succeeded in crossing the Yellow River in north-western Shansi, where it is frozen, and occupied Fuku, in north-eastern Shensi, on March 2. However, with the arrival of reinforcements, the Chinese forces staged a counter-attack and recaptured Fuku on March 5.

After the recapture of the city by the Chinese, the Japanese detachment returned to the Shansi side of the River and established its base at Paoteh. From Paoteh, the Japanese guns are sporadically shelling Fuku, across the Yellow River.

In the western Honan sector of the Yellow River, the Japanese forces at Menghsien and Wenhsien, on the north bank, are heavily shelling the Chinese positions on the south bank of the great waterway. The apparent objective of this move is to cross the river near Kunghsien and Loyang, in order to cut the Lunghai Railway between Chengchow and Tungwan.

Tsinpu Front

On the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front the centre of fighting at present appears to be shifting eastward, with the Japanese forces pushing towards the eastern terminus of the Lunghai Railway in two columns.

One of these Japanese columns is attacking Linghsing, while the other is advancing on Jihchao, on the seacoast of southern Shantung. Vanguards of the Japanese forces have reached Antungwei, a seacoast town on the Kiangsu-Shantung border.

General Chang Tsung-yuan, brother of General Chang Tsung-chang, one-time Governor of Shantung, who was assassinated at Tsinan, it is understood is commanding the Japanese column which is attacking Jihchao.—Reuter.

Report Ridiculed

Japanese military circles yesterday described as "ridiculous" a Hankow report to the effect that General Chang Tsung-yuan was in command of he Japanese column attacking Jihchao in southern Shantung. "Only Japanese are in command of Japanese forces, "a military spokesman declared.

Trains Attacked

Peiping, Mar. 8.

With the Japanese troops in Shansi pushing further inland every day, Chinese guerilla bands have intensified their activity in Hopei and Honan in an effort to hinder the despatch of supplies and reinforcements to the advancing Japanese forces. They are paying special attention to the Peiping-Hankow Railway, the service on which has again been disrupted.

The last train from Peiping two days ago was attacked north of Paotingfu, resulting in two Japanese passengers being killed. Some of the travellers who returned here subsequently by road declared that large sections of the railway south of Shihchiachwang, at the junction of the Peiping-Hankow and Chentai Railways, had been destroyed by guerillas. A large force of these guerilla troops is now said to be fighting the Japanese north of Chochow.

Possession of Railway

The Japanese troops in Shansi claim to have captured Puchow, in the south-west corner of Shansi and the terminus of the Taiyuanfu-Puchow Railway. This gives the Japanese possession of the entire railway, but large areas on either side of it are still in Chinese hands. It is expected that it will take considerable time and many men to clean up these areas.

The Japanese also claim the occupation of Hoku, on the Yellow River in north-west Shansi. The capture is said to have been made by a Kwantung Army unit operating from Taitung.

While the Japanese continue their relentless drive in Shansi, their artillery in Honan continues to pound Chinese defences on the Lunghai Railway from positions north of the Yellow River preparatory to an attempt to cross the waterway.

Their heavy guns are also bombarding all Chinese concentrations of boats on the river to prevent attempts by the Chinese to recross and attack while the majority of the Japanese forces are engaged in Shansi.—Reuter.

Optimism in Hankow

Hankow, Mar. 7.

Several high Chinese officers who have just returned from the front to Hankow declared to a Transocean representative to-day that the fighting in Shansi province would develop to the advantage of China in the nearest future.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. TAX LAW TEST RULING MADE

Supreme Court Reverses Its Own Stand in Finding

Washington, Mar. 7.

The Supreme Court here to-day specifically reversed itself on a long-standing landmark in tax legislation in ruling that profits derived by private companies from state-owned oil lands operated under lease were subject to Federal taxation.

The Court, in a five to two decision, approved the case of the Bureau of Internal Revenue against the Mountain Producers' Corporation.

The importance of the verdict was bluntly indicated in the minority decision written by Associate Justice Pierce Butler. He said "no one can see" the effect of the decision on the principle that the state cannot tax Federal "instrumentalities" and vice versa."

The Supreme Court also approved a $364,254 fraud penalty levied by the Government against the 1929 income tax returns of Mr. Charles Mitchell, former chairman of the board of directors of the National City Bank of New York.—United Press.

U.S. SENDS SHIP WITH COLONISTS TO CLAIM ISLES

Strategic South Pacific Air Bases Wanted

COMMERCIAL USES

Parleys with Britain Continuing

Washington, Mar. 7.

The Coast Guard cutter Taney which left Honolulu on February 27 is en route to the Canton and Enderbury Islands in the southern Pacific to take possession of the strategic Pacific outposts for the United States, it was revealed here to-day.

The ship is carrying a group of Coast Guard officials who will hoist the Stars and Stripes over the islands and take charge of local administrative duties. A number of American colonists also is on board the ship, it was revealed.

Building materials and plants are being sent to the islands to aid in the establishment of homes and other buildings. The ship is expected to reach the islands next week. The Department of Interior, which is in charge of colonization plans, announced details of the programme for taking over the islands here to-day.

The White House meanwhile issued a statement declaring that America's claims to the islands were from motives of national commercial aviation needs and not of American preparations for war.

Claim to the islands was made by President Roosevelt in an executive order which said the islands had been discovered by American whalers.—United Press.

Joint Use of Base Likely

Washington, Mar. 8.

Conversations are now in progress between London and Washington on the subject, as Great Britain claims sovereignty over the entire Phoenix Group of islands.

According to Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent in London, if the main question involved should transpire to be one affecting air routes, a settlement could presumably be reached, under which both Great Britain and the United States could have all the facilities they desired for air purposes in the islands.

The questions arising from the American claim are being examined with a view to the speedy conclusion of a friendly agreement. The Australian and New Zealand Governments are understood to be taking part in the talks.

The main importance of the islands is because of their position as a trans-Pacific aviation station.—Reuter.

Capetown Proceeding To Weihaiwei

No further messages were received by the British naval authorities in Shanghai yesterday from H.M.S. Capetown, which effected the rescue of 56 members of the crew of the French steamer Yolande off the Shantung Promontory on Monday. Judging by the last reports to be received, which covered the situation up to late on Monday night, the 56 survivors had been safely embarked in the Capetown, which was making for Weihaiwei. Seven members of the crew were not accounted for.

POWER BILL FOUGHT IN TOKYO DIET

Nationalization Measure Forced Through

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Heated discussion over the Nationalization of Electric Power Bill took place in the Upper House this morning.

Dr. Joji Matsumoto, an authority on commercial code and formerly Minister of Commerce and Industry, denounced the Bill from a technical viewpoint, alleging it contravened constitutional provisions and infringed the vested rights of the holders of foreign loans and debentures floated by electricity companies.

These, he said, would become member companies of the Japan Electric and Transmission Company to be organized for State control of the Electric Power industry.

"The Government is, as it were, attempting to control the electric power industry without spending anything," declared Dr. Matsumoto in an interview with the press to-day.—Reuter.

Lower House Protests

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Bitter protests were registered to-day by the Leftist Social Masses Party and the Rightist Reformist Party against the amendments appended in the Lower House to the Bill for State Control of the Electric Power Industry by the major Minseito and Seiyukai parties.

The controversial measure was steam-rollered through the House last night, under the combined pressure of the Government and the Fighting Services.

The major parties opposed the measure as a piece of socialist legislation but voted for the bill as amended. The final vote was 236 against 81, the latter figure including the members of the extremist parties, who strongly objected to the emasculating" amendments proposed by the two majority parties.—Domei.

BELGIUM TO RECOGNIZE ITALIAN EMPIRE

Brussels, Mar. 8.

Belgium will recognize the Italian Empire when it appoints a new Ambassador to Rome, with credentials directed to the "King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia," it is learned here. The new diplomat will probably be Count de Kerchove de Denterghen, at present Belgian Ambassador in Paris.—Havas.

TELLING ENGLAND ABOUT THE FAR EAST

Mr. F. C. Millington's Observations in the "Advertising World"

I HAVE been sitting in the *salle à manger* of the ss. Aramis reading "The Whispering Gallery," and I just couldn't resist sitting down to my typewriter immediately after the camembert to tell England a little bit about what's going on out East. It is difficult to write soberly when you have lost in three months the fruits of 20 years' work through no fault of your own, had your house bombed, looted and evacuated, and left your wife and children in tears in Hongkong while you sailed off for kingdoms new to start in Singapore.

Shanghai is completely surrounded by Japanese at the time of writing. Little advertising is being done except for locally produced beer, public utility companies and cinemas. All our accounts from home wisely cabled instructions to stop or suspend, pending a return to normal.

The Japanese cannot take all our business, though they will try their best unless the British Government has something very definite to say about it. Until we know which way the diplomatic body is going to jump we must just stay put, losing each month.

Printing Plant Busy

Business is not at a complete standstill in Shanghai. My quarter of a million dollars' worth of printing plant is exceptionally busy. So many Chinese printing plants have been bombed or shelled out of action that we have loads of work that is keeping us working for 16 hours a day. When we print the Shanghai telephone books this month it will be a 24 hours a day job.

The advertising side of our company is a pitiful skeleton of its former self. The studio has five artists instead of 20, the copy department two instead of six, production one instead of five, the general office six instead of 15. All these men had to be fired after ten years' faithful service.

With absolutely nothing to do in Shanghai, I decided to leave too, and go to Hongkong. Within three months we raised the turnover of the Hongkong branch until it was three times as big as the biggest month they have ever had. Hongkong has now got a population almost half as big again due to the bombing of Canton and the Treaty Ports.

Latest Ventures

One of our latest ventures is in the trade journal field. For many years we have felt that the engineering business in the Far East has needed a first-rate trade journal, and my trip home in 1936 convinced me of this. The first issue of what we are going to produce monthly was printed under shell fire in Shanghai. During the run of the two-colour cover a shell dropped 10 ft. away from my office and killed six Chinese who were playing a friendly game of mahjonng. Fortunately no bombs fell on our plant, and so the book is now off the press with the help of our associates, the *Indian and Eastern Engineer*.

For the time being, at any rate, the Chinese will not buy from the Japanese. We are standing higher in their esteem than we have ever stood, and full advantage should be taken of this by all salesmen with British goods to sell. Wait for the "Cease Fire" to sound round Shanghai and then begin. Do not wait for the war to stop all over China. It will probably smoulder on for years, and good business will be picked up by your competitors from Germany, America, Italy and other well-represented countries.—F. C. MILLINGTON, Managing Director, F. C. Millington, Ltd., Shanghai.

Marechal Joffre And Canada Due Here To-morrow

Wilhelmsen Liner Talabot Arriving To-day

SAILINGS FOR EUROPE AND NORTH CHINA

Three ocean-going vessels are due to arrive here to-morrow. They are the French mail liner Marechal Joffre from Marseilles, the C. P. R. ss. Empress of Canada from Hongkong and the ss. Nankin from Australia.

The motor vessel Marechal Joffre, according to information from the M.M. Co. yesterday, is expected to arrive at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf at about 1 p.m. to-morrow. Incoming passengers may be expected at the Customs Jetty at about 3 p.m.

After staying here for the day, the vessel will continue her trip to Kobe, to return here on March 18, when she will sail for Marseilles via Hongkong and ports.

The ss. Empress of Canada is expected to reach here from Hongkong at about 7 a.m. to-morrow. The vessel will leave the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, Pootung side, for Victoria and Vancouver, via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu the same day. The last despatching tender will leave the Customs Jetty at 12.30 p.m.

The ss. Nankin, which sailed from Hongkong for Shanghai on Monday at 11 a.m., is expected to reach Buoys Nos. 14 and 15 at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Among the passengers who sailed for Hongkong and Manila in the ss. Empress of Russia yesterday were:

Mr. H. M. A. Mazot, Mr. J. Prentice, Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. Max Friedman, Mr. A. E. H. Seidel, Mr. A. Bonetta, Miss M. Sequeira, Mr. and Mrs. A. Raousouk, Dr. and Mrs. D. Sze, Capt. and Mrs. Andre Loreal, Mr. F. M. Lawler, Mr. W. A. Conrad, Mrs. Anne Hummel, Mr. A. S. Anderson, Mr. D. Pharazyn, Mr. C. Pharazyn, Mr. E. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wheeler, Miss V. Shevenko, Rev. Frank Short, Mr. K. Scobie, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Meyer, Mr. F. A. Landis, Mr. H. Lyon, Mr. A. Segal, Mr. L. Steward.

Among the passengers who sailed in the ss. Hector on Monday were:

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Dick, Mr. Perry, Mrs. M. Stuart, Miss M. G. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Healey, Mstrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. F. D. Hunter and child, Mrs. Billinghurst and infant, Capt. and Mrs. Lumsden, Capt. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. D. G. Healey, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. G. R. H. Cheape, Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lake, Mr. G. S. Lamport, Mrs. A. M. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambert, Misses A. and I. Lambert, Mstr. R. Lambert, Mr. R. M. Caudron, Mr. Tabore Taraburnin, Mr. F. A. Farnan, Mrs. S. Presburg.

Among the passengers who arrived here by the P. & O. ss. Naldera on Monday were:

Mrs. J. Black, Miss D. G. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Feltz, Mr. F. Jackson, Mrs. and Miss Phillips, Mrs. and Miss Reed, Mr. T. B. Riches, Mrs. A. E. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mrs. S. C. Miskin, Miss D. M. Doidge, Miss L. G. Tucker, Miss M. F. Webb, Mrs. T. J. Macauley, Mr. J. B. Stewart, Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mrs. H. B. Clark, Mrs. D. K. Matthews, Mrs. M. D. Reader-Harris, Mrs. E. M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Ben, C. Guy, Major and Mrs. N. G. Guy, Miss K. Coutts, Mr. F. B. Gough, Mr. R. Gangaram, Mr. J. Parbabra, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wardell, Dr. F. Baur, Mr. N. Beale, Dr. and Mrs. Burch, Mr. T. Boissevain, Miss Chun, Mr. S. Chang, Miss G. Collins, Mr. Lan Chei, Mr. J. Downie, Mr. and Mrs. Fah Yao, Lt. Cdr. Fuller, Mr. F. Groves, Mr. F. Fieth, Mr. D. Homberg, Mr. W. Hunt, Mr. W. Hsieh, Mr. and Mrs. D. King, Mr. C. Lou, Mr. Luig Lai, Mr. R. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Marshall, Mr. S. Naruse, Mr. H. Hara, Mr. J. Perkins, Mrs. Schmidt Scharff, Mr. C. H. Lung, Mr. and Mrs. L. Selden, Miss Selden, Miss M. Channell, Mr. A. Selden, Mr. R. Berry, Mr. M. Tang, Mr. E. Wilkinson, Capt. Yang, Mr. W. Broderick, Mr. G. Blenk, Mr. C. Clacket, Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod and Miss McKenzie.

Among the passengers who arrived in the ss. Empress of Russia on Monday were:

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Walsh, Mr. C. T. Haas, Mr. and Mrs. William R. McCluskey, Mr. and Mrs. Max Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Preston, Mrs. A. P. Brown, Mr. B. W. Cahusac, Mrs. V. Assadourian, Mr. O. Bruckner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bristow, Mr. J. Covington, Mr. M. W. Cardwell, Mr. A. R. Garau, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Glantz, Rev. R. Clauber, Mr. F. M. Hale, Mrs. P. H. Hagen, Mr. Y. Hammandjian, Mr. K. Hiramatsu, Mr. J. F. Haris, Mr. R. J. McNicol, Rev. A. H. Pinger, Mr. and Mrs. A. Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richards, Mstr. J. Richards, Mr. L. Reierstad, Mr. C. E. Sutherland, Mrs. C. E. Sutherland, Mrs. O. H. V. Stuart, Mr. D. B. Sparks, Mr. H. Woidt, Mrs. and Mstr. Woidt, Mr. T. Obatake, Mrs. M. Bergher, Mrs. H. G. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Deutsch, Mr. R. J. Holmes, Lieut. R. B. Humphreys, Mr. E. S. Jacob, Mr. M. J. Katz, Mr. H. A. Kokwick, Mr. G. J. T. Newman, Mrs. A. M. Najar, Mrs. E. L. Potter, Miss P. Potter, Mstr. J. Potter, Miss R. O. Whitcome, Miss H. M. Whitmer, Mr. R. A. Felton, Mr. Chang Su Kang, Mr. A. S. Lee.

GERMANY TO BUY NICKEL ORE FROM N.E. INDIES

Berlin, Mar. 8.

The Netherlands East Indies are going to ship between 1,000 and 1,500 tons of nickel ore, containing from three to five per cent. of nickel, to Krupps, says the newspaper "Metal Wirtschaft" to-day. A second consignment will follow in mid-March. Krupps, it is stated, will experiment with the consignments to decide how much should be imported from this new source in future.—Reuter.

MARSHAL VON BLOMBERG IN SORENTO

Rome, Mar. 8.

The former German War Minister, Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg, has left Capri and is at present with his young wife in Sorento where they are enjoying long walks in the neighbourhood, according to the "Giornale d'Italia." It is considered probable that Herr von Blomberg will remain in Italy for several months, but nothing is yet known of his future plans.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN MINORITIES IN CZECH STATE

Justice Minister Points to Advantages Gained

Prague, Mar. 7.

"It is inexact to say that the defeat of Germany in the World War had only dismal consequences for the Germans," declared Dr. Ivan Derer, Minister of Justice.

"Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia have assured the German minorities wide political and cultural rights, wider than they were allowed before the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire."—Havas.

German Comment

Berlin, Mar. 8.

Statements on the minority problem in Czechoslovakia, made by the Czech President, Dr. Edouard Benes, to a correspondent of the "Sunday Times," were characterized in German political circles as "not very enlightening and even to a certain degree self-contradictory."

The "Deutsche Diplomatisch-Politische Korrespondenz," usually regarded as a mouthpiece of official circles, points out that Dr. Benes on the one hand insisted that the minority problem in Czechoslovakia was purely an internal affair which does not allow of outside interference, but on the other hand admits the possibility of intervention in this question by the League of Nations and of the natural moral interest of other European countries. Particular surprise is expressed over the statement of Dr. Benes that Britain and France might, with the approval of Czechoslovakia, undertake certain active steps in furthering the solution of the minority problem because it is pointed out that neither country lies in Central Europe or has shown even the slightest interest in the welfare of the German group in Czechoslovakia.—Trans-Ocean.

FOREIGN shipping companies, which have taken part in inland navigation services along the Soochow Creek during the past few months, are required to register anew with the Shanghai Citizens' Association, states a report to the "Sin Wen Pao." The vessels of any firm which fails to comply with this requirement, it is stated, will be prohibited from operating along the Creek from March 10. Chinese shipping concerns formerly taking part in the run, which are contemplating a resumption of their services, may file applications with the Association.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

ANGLO-DANISH WEDDING AT CONSULATE

Mr. and Mrs. V. Mischenko (the former Miss Vera Kruse) with their attendants after their wedding at the British Consulate-General yesterday afternoon.

SHANSI NOT LOST TO CHINA

Foreign Observer Reports After Tour of Area

MARCHES WITH MOBILE EX-RED ARMY

Hankow, Mar. 8.

The fact that a large area in Shansi and Hopei is cut off from the rest of China by the Japanese invasion does not mean that the area is lost.

This is the conclusion of a foreign observer who has just arrived in Hankow after spending three months in Shansi and Hopei with the Chinese Red Army, now known as the Eighth Route Army. During this time he walked 800 miles in territory nominally occupied by the Japanese.

The foreign observer left Linfeng on December 26. Walking northeast to the Hopei border and crossing the Chengtai railway between Pingting and Shihchiachwan, he moved into Western Hopei and reached a point only 150 miles from Peiping. Then he moved west and southwest to Lishih, west to Fengyang, and returned to Linfeng a few days before the Japanese occupation of the city.

With the exception of a few towns, he said he found the entire area between the four railways comprising North China, that is to say the Peiping-Hankow, Peiping-Suiyuan, Chengtai and Tungpu railways, under Chinese administration, the local governments maintaining constant communication by wireless with the Chinese Central Government at Hankow.

He said that he found the people living normally and their spirit extremely high.

Ex-Reds Widespread

The Eighth Route Army, he declared, was operating in a wide area stretching from southern Charhar, through north-eastern Shansi and south Shansi, south to the Chengtai railway, with its headquarters at Wutai, in north-eastern Shansi.

The Chinese forces fighting in Shansi against the Japanese included three groups comprising; first, the regular army, secondly, partisans, and thirdly, the self-defence corps in the villages, who examine suspects and carry the wounded to base hospitals in relays from village to village.

He found the Chinese Red Army, the Shansi Provincial Authorities and representatives of the Central Government working in close harmony and co-operation. During his tour of Shansi he saw various famous Red Army leaders, including Chu Teh, Holung, Hsuh Siang-chien, Hsuh Aitung, and Ling Piao. He also saw Marshal Yen Hsi-shan at Linfeng.

43 Miles March

The Eighth Route Army is being used as an offensive guerilla unit, he declared, constantly attacking the Japanese communications. He described it as the most mobile force he had ever known. On one occasion he himself marched 43 miles in twenty hours with the troops, and in that time eight mountains were crossed.

During his tour he also had time to call on General Chiang Ting-wen at Sian, the capital of Shensi province, who is directing the operations in the Shensi area.—Reuter.

DIET PASSES WAR BUDGET

Lower House Unanimously Grants Huge Credits

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Japan's extraordinary "China Incident" budget, amounting to Y.4,850,000,000, was unanimously passed in the Diet here to-day.

The appropriations include Y.3,257,000,000 for the War Office, Y.1,043,000 for the Navy and Y.550,000,000 for the Finance Ministry. Bond issues in connection with the extraordinary budget total Y.4,454,000,000.—Reuter.

TEXTBOOK OF ENGLISH BANNED

"The English Model Reader," the English text-book published by the Commercial Press for the use of middle school students, has been banned from local middle schools by the Bureau of Social Welfare of the Peiping Municipality on the ground that it contains material "not suited to the times." The Bureau recommends instead the use of the book entitled "The English Reader," published by the Kaiming Book Company.—Reuter.

"Big Ching" Shines Again at Night

Shanghai may be cold and cheerless these bleak March days —the wails of the pessimists are still heard down the north winds —but nothing could suppress the joy last night in the Central District when beloved "Big Ching" shone benevolently out into the night. It was on fateful Black Saturday, August 14 last, that the Customs clock went black after sundown and, despite much coaxing, the famous timepiece's face remained veiled to night owls for nearly seven months. Last night it shone again, bringing good cheer to all whose nightly round takes them near The Bund, to mariners on the river, and to those who now can count the weary watches of their duty through curfew-silent streets.

WOMEN'S DAY IN SHANGHAI

Meeting Held by Chinese Women's Organizations

In celebration of International Women's Day a meeting was held at the Chinese Bankers' Club in Hongkong Road yesterday afternoon by the Federation of Chinese Women's Organizations.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. S. New and was attended by many foreign guests, among whom was Miss Muriel Lester. Speeches on the history of the International Women's Day and world peace were given.

Mrs. New, who welcomed the guests, spoke on the significance of the day, while Miss Lester gave a speech on women's part in world peace. Mrs. C. K. Chen was the other speaker of the day.

The guests were entertained to a Chinese tea, while delightful Chinese music was provided by a Chinese classical orchestra.

PRESIDENT OF N.Y.K. ARRIVES

Conditions in Shanghai to Be Studied

Mr. Noboru Ohtani, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, one of the world's largest shipping concerns, arrived here yesterday afternoon in the ss. Shanghai Maru.

During the eight-day visit in Shanghai, the shipping magnate is due to make a study of conditions in the port and to comfort troops stationed here.

Mr. Ohtani is accompanied by Mr. Kenkichi Sawai and Mr. Seiichi Nakase, respectively chief of the company's freight section and manager of the Kobe branch.

JAPANESE CULTURE HEAD HERE

Admiral Tsuda Greeted by Tungwen Alumni

Vice-Admiral Shizue Tsuda, I.J.N.R., Director of the Toa Dobun Kai, a society working for the promotion of Sino-Japanese cultural relations, was the guest of honour at a reception held at the Japanese Club on Monday by the alumni of the Tung Wen College.

The organization, headed by the Japanese Premier, Prince Ayamaro Konoye, supports the Tung Wen College, whose buildings on Hungjao Road were burned down during the hostilities here.

FUEHRER AND IL DUCE TO GET JAPANESE SWORDS

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Old Japanese swords and suits of armour will be presented to Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler and Sig. Benito Mussolini by the Federation of Young Men's Associations through the respective Embassies here on March 20, —Domei.

THE former Mayor of Nanking, Mr. Ma Chao-chun, accompanied by Messrs. Chen Chien-ju and Sung Hsi-hsiang, former directors of the Bureaux of Social Affairs and of Public Works, respectively, arrived in Changsha on March 6 and was to leave for Kweilin yesterday, says a wire to the "Sin Wen Pao."

WINTRY WEATHER CASUALTIES

One Death, Four Exposure Cases Reported

PRICES OF VEGETABLES INCREASED

Caught in a sudden cold snap which descended on Shanghai with sleet and snow in the past two days at least one Chinese of the poor class lost his life and four others fell ill from hunger and exposure.

Thinly clad, the body of the Chinese was found outside a godown on the French Bund early yesterday morning. Chinese residents in Yunnan Road also reported that two Chinese of the beggar type were found lying seriously ill at the corner of Yunnan and Canton Roads. On Monday evening, a Chinese of the coolie class was conveyed to hospital in an ambulance from Chengtu and Sinza Road, suffering from hunger. Another Chinese was sent to hospital from Szechuen Road yesterday.

The casualties from the severe weather were considered to be low. This was attributed to the fact that the number of people who made alleyways and streets as their homes had been greatly reduced.

Information from refugee camps available in Chinese circles yesterday reported that more cases of illness were registered among the aged refugees and children. The sudden change of the weather was generally held to be the cause.

As a result of the wintry weather, a general increase in the prices of vegetables and meat were reported at various markets yesterday, as less farmers brought vegetables for Shanghai markets.

While snow before a Chinese new year means good omen for the coming year, that in spring is viewed by Chinese who still follow the old calendar as an indication of more sickness for the season. The Chinese saying that "there are eighteen changes in spring weather" once more proves to be true.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR PROPAGANDA

"Rebellious" Cartoons Are Included in Peiping

Peiping, Mar. 8.

From now on persons indulging in "rebellious propaganda" by literature, cartoons or speeches, may be condemned to death.

This law is included in a list of new offences for which the death penalty or life imprisonment may be enforced, just issued by the Peiping Ministry of Justice. The list provides for death or life imprisonment sentences in cases of: Disturbance of peace and order; engaging in espionage activities; instigating servicemen to desert their duties; rebellious propaganda by literature, cartoons or speeches; supplying rebels with arms and ammunition; leakage of political or military secrets to rebels; and adopting measures to disrupt communications.

This list is entitled "Regulations Governing Acts Endangering the Safety of the Republic." It is stated that sentences will be reduced on offenders who surrender themselves to the Government.—Reuter.

JAPAN-SIAM TREATY PUT INTO EFFECT

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

With the exchange of ratifications in Bangkok, the new Japan-Siam treaty of commerce and navigation went into effect yesterday. Officials of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha last night revealed plans for the organization of an Oriental Commerce and Industry Company, capitalized at Y.1,000,000, for the express purpose of engaging in trade and industry in Siam. The required approval was granted yesterday by the Bank of Japan.—Domei.

PARIS EXHIBITION OF CHINA WAR PICTURES

Paris, Mar. 17.

An exhibition of photographs depicting the horrors of the Sino-Japanese hostilities was opened here to-day by the Chinese Ambassador to France, Dr. Wellington Koo.

The exhibition is organized by the Association of Chinese Students and is sponsored by the official French Socialist organ, "Le Populaire." Several French and Chinese personalities were present at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, which is being held in the Salle des Champs-Elysées.—Havas.

CHAMBER ENTERTAIN H.M. AMBASSADOR

Sir Archibald Kerr Guest At Shanghai Club

LARGE GATHERING OF LOCAL BUSINESSMEN

The British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, and the China Association, Shanghai Branch, entertained His Excellency Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, K.C.M.G., to dinner at the Shanghai Club yesterday upon his arrival to take up the appointment of H.B.M. Ambassador to China. Mr. R. Calder Marshall, C.B.E., Chairman of the Chamber, presided and welcomed the Ambassador to his new work. Mr. P. W. Massey, Chairman of the China Association, also spoke. H.M. Ambassador responded suitably in an interesting speech. Those present at the dinner were:—

GUESTS: Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, K.C.M.G., Major-General A.P.D. Telfer-Smollett, D.S.O., M.C., Sir Allan Mossop, KT., Mr. Herbert Phillips, C.M.G., O.B.E., Wing Commander H. S. Kerby, Mr. A. D. Blackburn, C.B.E., Mr. A. H. George, Mr. E. L. Hall-Patch, Mr. H. A. Scott, Mr. A. L. Nutt, Captain P. H. Enright, R.N., Mr. J. D. Greenway, Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, O.B.E., Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Hume, D.S.O., Major E. T. Heslop, Mr. R. H. Scott, Pay-Commander C. N. Bowen, R. N., Mr. W. G. Graham. Sir Frederick Maze was unable to be present.

COMMITTEE—BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Messrs. R. Calder Marshall, C.B.E., (Chairman), W. S. King (Vice-Chairman), C. H. Arnhold, L. J. Davies, T. J. Fisher, A. S. Henchman, M. H. Ivy, A. E. Jones, J. H. Keswick, V. St. J. Killery, Brigadier-General E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mr. R. D. Murray.

COMMITTEE — CHINA ASSOCIATION: Messrs. P. W. Massey (Chairman), H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E., (Vice-Chairman), J. R. Jones and R. F. C. Master.

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FOREMAN SHOT DEAD BY ROBBERS

Man Meets Death While Fighting Against Gang

"You are old and will soon die. Money therefore will be of no use to you."

This was the "advice" of one of the robbers for Chang Siao-pao, 61-year old foreman of the N.Y.K. wharf coolies, at his house, No. 4, Lane 587, off Ningpo Road, at about 1 a.m. yesterday. Few minutes later Chang died.

The tragedy occurred when the foreman struggled with the robbers for a strong box they had seized. Seeing one of his companions having been grabbed by the foreman, one robber opened fire, the bullet striking the foreman in the neck, killing him almost instantly.

Altogether three men, two of whom were armed with psitols, took part in the crime. They encountered the foreman in an upstairs room, where they demanded money from him, reminding him of his old age and possible early death.

After a careful search of the room, the gang found the strong box. A struggle for the possession of the box ensued, resulting in the fatal shooting. According to a police report, the gang escaped empty-handed.

THE University of Nanking, which was removed to Chengtu some time ago and formally reopened for the spring semester on March 1, started class work on March 7, says a message to the "Sin Wen Pao." At the first weekly Sun Yat-sen memorial meeting held yesterday morning, the President of the University, Mr. Chen Yu-kwang, made a report on the removal of the college.

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Bearded Sikhs Turn White

Weather Man Slowly Going "Nuts"

A Sikh policeman, many Sikh policemen, were seen to have undergone a startling transformation yesterday. Their usually black beards had become white—but not through sudden strokes of misfortune. That distinctly abnormal individual who at present seems to be running the weather had merely visited a snow storm upon the city for a lark, having exhausted every other possibility with the exception of an earthquake, a typhoon or a tidal wave.

Amateur weather prophets, temporarily casting aside their predictions, are watching with interest to see what to-day will bring, remembering the jumble of seasons which has occurred recently. Shanghai had taken on a more or less normal appearance yesterday afternoon, with only neat piles of thawing snow by the roadside to tell of the state of affairs which existed earlier in the day.

The thermometer actually soared up to 36.9 yesterday—believed to set an "all time high" for this time of the year. Lowest temperature to be recorded during the day was 29.1 degrees.

JAPANESE BANKS TO AID PEIPING

Credits of Y.100,000,000 to Pay Japanese Debts

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Called to Tokyo by the Bank of Japan, representatives of the country's major banks yesterday agreed to extend credits of Y.100,000,000 to the "Federated Reserve Bank" of China

The credit will remain open for a year and will be extended at the request of the new Chinese Bank, which is expected to be opened for business on March 10.

The credit will be used solely for the settlement of North China's outstanding trade accounts with Japan.

The banking syndicate will include the Banks of Chosen, Taiwan, Nagoya, Kobe, Nomura and Aichi, the Yokohama Specie, the First, the One Hundredth, and the Mitsubishi, Mitsui, Yasuda and Sumitomo interests.—Domei.

THE Kwangtung Provincial Government, at a regular meeting held a few days ago, appointed Mr. Ho Tung to the post of Mayor of Swatow, states a dispatch to the "Standard." Mr. Ho is succeeding Mr. Huang Yu-hsun, who has been transferred to the post of Magistrate of Hoyuan district.

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Liver paste	60 cts.	lb.
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SCRUTINEERS FOR S.M.C. ELECTION

Messrs. Berents and Van Someren Named

Messrs. H. Berents and H. C. A. van Someren have accepted invitations from the Shanghai Municipal Council to serve as scrutineers at the election of foreign members of the Council for the municipal year 1938. The dates of the election are Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5. The closing date for nominations is Saturday, March 26, at noon, when it will be known whether an election will be necessary or not.

MR. HOOVER HAS GERMAN NAMESAKE IN BERLIN

Berlin, Mar. 8.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, arrived here to-day to confer with Chancellor Adolf Hitler. Mr. Hoover was confined to his hotel with a bad cold but expected to see Herr Hitler on Tuesday.

The former President was surprised to learn he had a German namesake in Axel Hoover Gebhard born in July, 1932 in the year that he extended a moratorium on reparations payments. Axel told Mr. Hoover in a letter that "my middle name is a constant symbol of gratitude for your great and noble deed." Mr. Hoover intends to see Axel on Thursday.—United Press.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. W. A. White celebrates his seventieth birthday to-day.

MESDAMES S. C. Miskin and M. D. Reader Harris arrived by the ss. Naldera on March 7.

MR. and Mrs. A. Piercy returned to Shanghai in the ss. Empress of Russia on March 7.

MRS. A. Behncke was operated upon yesterday morning and is now comfortably resting at the Paulun Hospital.

DR. and Mrs. Burch and Messrs. T. Boissevain and R. McDonald arrived from Hongkong in the ss. Naldera on March 7.

MR. W. J. Richards, managing director, Chinese National Wireless Telegraph Co., arrived in the ss. Empress of Russia on March 7.

MRS. Herbert Phillips, wife of the British Consul-General, and Miss Lynette Phillips arrived by the ss. "Naldera" on March 7.

AMONGST the passengers who arrived in Shanghai in the ss. Empress of Russia on March 7 were—Messrs. R. J. McNicol, J. F. Harris and J. Covington.

MR. J. D. MacLeod of the Jardine Engineering Corpn. Ltd., representative of the International Paint & Compositions Co. Ltd., returned by the ss. Naldera on March 7.

THE ss. Empress of Japan sailed from Vancouver on March 7 carrying 22 British seamen and chief-petty officers to Hongkong where they will assume regular naval duties.

THE Communications Bureau of the Great Way City Government of Shanghai has decided to install 100 military telephone sets for civil use in Pootung, states a report to the "Sin Wen Pao."

MR. C. T. Haas, member of the committee of the 1939 San Francisco Exposition, arrived in the ss. Empress of Russia on March 7, on a visit to the Orient to invite China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand to participate in the exposition.

THE British Red Cross Society acknowledge with thanks receipt of a generous donation of cigarettes from the Yee Tsoong Tobacco Distributors Co. Ltd., also gifts from Mrs. J. M. Kopelman, Mrs. W. N. Wells-Henderson, Mrs. N. H. Rutherford and Mrs. E. F. Hardman.

MR. A. E. Small will have charge of the noonday devotional service to-morrow at 1.10 p.m. Miss Muriel Lester will give her "Goodbye China" to-morrow at 8.30 p.m. All are cordially invited to "Tune In" to station XMHD Frequency of 760 kc. to hear these friends.

THERE will be a specially arranged Lenten Service in the Holy Trinity Cathedral this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, when Mr. Ottewell will deliver the second in his series of devotional addresses on the Work of the Holy Spirit, his subject this afternoon being, "The Gift of Wisdom".

THE annual general meeting and dinner of the Shanghai International Educational Association will be held on Friday, March 18 in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 123 Boulevard de Montigny, at 6 p.m. The members and their guests will be addressed by M. Grosbois and Dr. W. W. Yen, and an entertainment will be presented by pupils of Shanghai foreign schools.

FRIDAY, March 11, the day of the tea dance in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage, is drawing near and would-be owners of the very beautiful dress that Madame Garnett has so kindly given to be raffled for the benefit of the Orphanage are reminded that tickets for the raffle (each ticket including also a chance of winning a jade pin) can be obtained at Messrs. Moutrie's at $1 each.

THE Sino-British Boxer Indemnity Funds Committee, which has just concluded a session in Hongkong, will shortly open an office in Chungking, states a dispatch to the "Sin Wen Pao." The General Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Hang Lih-wu, and several staff members of the same organization have arrived in Chungking to rent suitable premises for the office.

THE "China Times," one of Shanghai's leading Chinese newspapers which was closed down last December, will resume publication in Chungking in the near future, says a dispatch to the "Standard." The general manager and chief editor of the journal, Messrs. Tsui Wei-wu and Huang Tien-peng, respectively, have arrived in the East Szechuen city in connection with the revival scheme.

THE head office of the China Cotton Company, Ltd., in Shanghai has been removed to Hongkong, says a report to the "Life Daily News." The general manager of the Company, Mr. Hu Mei-an, together with part of its staff members, are reported to have left here for the Colony in connection with the removal scheme. In the future the Shanghai office of the company will carry on as a branch.

THE programme for the twenty-first Sunday Symphony concert in the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday, March 13, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Le Deluge "Poeme Biblique" Saint-Saens
(Violin Solo: Prof. A. Foa)
(a) The Swan of Tuonela .....Sibelius
(English Horn Solo: P. Zioni)
(b) Prelude .....Jarnefelt
Two Excerpts from Symphonies Mahler
(a) Adagietto
(from 5th Symphony)
(b) Andante con Moto
(from 2nd Symphony)
Symphony No. 7 in A major ..Beethoven
(a) Poco sostanuto—Vivace
(b) Allegretto
(c) Scherzo—Presto
(d) Finale—Allegro con brio
Conductor: Maestro MARIO PACI

THE first round of the Shanghai Chess Championship Tournament will be held to-day starting at 6.30 p.m. in the main lounge of the Foreign Y.M.C.A., the order of play being as follows:—S. Kosovsky *v.* S. Fineland; H. W. Ray *v.* M. Diamant; H. Gledhill *v.* E. C. Treyer; V. Stasinevich *v.* P. Lapiken; K. Fedoroff *v.* H. Krouk; P. Wagner *v.* V. Shishkin; D. Poliakoff *v.* A. Mess. The schedule for the first round of the Major "A" Tournament to be held to-day from 6.30 p.m. is as follows:—V. Karmiloff *v.* E. Hrapoff; H. Stellingwerff *v.* V. Gavriloff; Badiey *v.* H. Klinghardt; H. W. Snow *v.* S. Kozloff; Prof. J. A. Ely *v.* A. R. Ross; A. Reid *v.* A. Beloff.

British Sailor Deemed to Have Died in Action

Spanish Nationalists Thank Britain for Aid

SINKING OF BALEARES IS RETALIATED

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 8.

Regret over the daeth of Able Seaman George Long, who was killed while the British destroyers, Kempenfelt and Boreas, were picking up and transferring survivors of the Spanish Nationalist cruiser Baleares to the Canarias, was expressed in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty.

Seaman Long, Mr. Shakespeare said, would be deemed to have been killed in action.

Capt. W. S. Sanders, Labour member for North Battersea, asked if it was necessary that British lives should be risked in the work of transshipping rescued seamen back to belligerent warships.

In carrying out this rescue, Mr. Shakespeare replied, the British Navy acted in accordance with the finest tradition.—Reuter.

Baleares Toll Counted

Gibraltar, Mar. 8.

No less than 600 persons are estimated to have perished when the Spanish Nationalist cruiser Baleares sank in the Mediterranean on Sunday when hit by a Republican torpedo.

The dead included an Admiral, the commander of the cruiser, and many senior officers.

The heaviness of the death-roll is ascribed to the refusal of members of the crew to obey the signals of the British destroyers, Kempenfelt and Boreas, to jump overboard. The destroyers rescued about 200 with lifebelts and boats.

In retaliation for the sinking of the Baleares, Nationalist aircraft made four raids yesterday on Cartagena, the base of the Republican fleet, but, according to an official Republican statement, little damage was done and no Republican warships were touched.

The loss of the Baleares was admitted by the Nationalist Government to-day in an official statement, which expressed thanks to Great Briatin for the rescue work carried out by the British destroyer Boreas. It paid homage to members of the crew who perished, and described the incident as one of the inevitable misfortunes of war and "unimportant in Nationalist Spain's firm march to victory."—Reuter.

COMPROMISE OVER CONTROL SCHEME

Sinking of Baleares Likely to Jeopardize Efforts

London, Mar. 7.

It is authoritatively understood that the French Government has sent London a suggestion for the restoration of land control on the Spanish border and the system of observers in Spanish ports, a fortnight after the departure for Spain of the neutral inquiry commissions.

Well-informed circles believe the Non-Intervention Committee may possibly reach an agreement on the basis of the French suggestion, which is a compromise between the original scheme adopted by the committee and the demands made later by Germany, Italy, and Portugal which countries had asked that land control be restored as soon as the inquiry commission leaves London.

The French suggestion provides for observers being established in all Spanish ports, including minor ones, simultaneously with the restoration of land control. The fortnight period aims at allowing the inquiry commission to contact the local Spanish authorities.

The census of foreign combattants in the Spanish war would start on the sixteenth day of the control's restoration. The control would again be suppressed after a month's time if an effective withdrawal of foreign volunteers has not begun in the meanwhile.

Nationalists May Refuse

Lord Plymouth, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Non-Intervention Committee, will immediately consult the German, Italian, and Portuguese delegates on the French suggestion. If they consent, he will summon the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee which will also have to decide how many foreign volunteers are to be withdrawn from Spain before the belligerency rights of both factions can be recognized.

Replies from both Spanish factions to the British questionnaire have not yet been received.

Acceptance of the British scheme by the Republicans is generally anticipated but Gen. Franco's attitude is somewhat doubtful as yesterday's sinking of the Baleares, one of his most important naval units, will deprive him of a sufficient fleet to establish an effective blockade.—Havas.

CALIFORNIA ASKS FEDERAL AID

Governor Estimates Flood Ravages at $52,000,000

Sacramento, Mar. 7.

Appealing to President Roosevelt for aid in meeting relief problems in the 30,000 square mile southern California flood area, Mr. Frank F. Merriam, the Governor, to-day announced that public and private flood losses would exceed $52,000,000.

He said California was facing "relief and reconstruction problems reaching the proportions of a major disaster."—United Press.

APPEAL FOR CHINA BY LONDON LORD MAYOR

London, Mar. 8.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Harry Twyford, will broadcast an appeal for the China Relief Fund on March 17.—Reuter.

British Straw Vote

Any British ratepayer who has not received a ballot paper for the straw vote, which has been organized for the purpose of selecting five British candidates for the forthcoming Municipal elections, is asked to communicate with the office of the Election Committee, c/o The British Chamber of Commerce, 27 The Bund. (Telephone No. 12694). The straw vote closes on Saturday, March 12, at noon.

MINORITY REPORT ON U.S. NAVY BILL

President Alleged Attempting Power Politics

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS GIVE VIEWS

Washington, Mar. 7.

Minority members of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House to-day condemned the President for failing to invoke the neutrality act following the outbreak of hostilities in the Orient.

In a dissenting report on the huge Navy rearmament bill, the Republican members of the Committee warned that enactment of the naval expansion bill would give the President "blanket authorization to apply his universal quarantine policy and an Asiatic interventionist policy.

"This is not a defence bill," the Representatives said, "....Circumstances indicate that it originated in the White House with the purpose of putting into the hands of the President power to implement his foreign policy."

Disarmament Move Wanted

The Representatives, including Mr. Ralph E. Church, Republican of Illinois; Mr. Sterling Cole, Republican of New York, and Mr. Ralph O. Brewster, Republican of Maine, demanded an immediate disarmament conference "which would seem to be urgently required if civilization is to be saved." Yet, they said, the Committee "declined to incorporate an amendment in the bill which would express the sentiment in Congress that a disarmament conference would be welcome."

The minority members asserted that President Roosevelt's policy in the Orient was not to evacuate nationals but "even to protect the rights of citizens and their interests and operations in war zones, contrary to accepted rules of international law." It is his policy, they added, "To pursue power in the politics of Asia."—United Press.

INTERVENTION IN CHINA "WAR"

Conflicting Reports from Three Sources

Tokyo, Mar. 7.

Mr. Koki Hirota, Japanese Foreign Minister, told the Diet here to-day that fresh efforts were being made to promote peace talks between Japan and China. He said an "unnamed third power" was attempting to promote the peace negotiations.—United Press.

Reception Distorted

Later.

It was later learned that radio reception, distorted by bad weather yesterday had resulted in incorrect reception of Mr. Hirota's remarks to the Diet. The Foreign Minister denied that efforts were being made by third Powers to promote peace talks between Japan and China.—Union Press.

To a Conclusion

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota and the War Minister, General Sugiyama, reiterated before the Budget Committee in the House of Representatives that Japan is determined to continue the campaign in China to a successful conclusion. Mr. Hirota declared that no peace negotiations with China were in progress. He stated that there would be no possibility of a third power intervening in future since Japan has declined to recognize or enter into negotiations with General Chiang Kai-shek.—Trans-Ocean.

Press Reports Denied

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Press reports asserting that Great Britain and other Powers intended to intercede in the Sino-Japanese dispute were flatly denied in the Diet yesterday by Mr. Koki Hirota.—Domei.

DAMAGED GERMAN CRUIS MAKES PORT

Koeln Loses Two Officers and Four Sailors in Storm

Oslo, Mar. 8.

The German cruiser Koeln which suffered considerable damage in a severe storm off the Norwegian coast, arrived at Christiansand yesterday afternoon for repairs.

Two officers and four men of the crew were injured during the fight with the heavy gale, it was reported from the cruiser yesterday. One huge wave struck the vessel amidships, smashing the bridge and doing considerable damage to lifeboats.

The Norwegian rescue ship arrived on the scene yesterday but was informed that her assistance was not required and that the cruiser could make port on her own power.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO CHINA'S PROTEST

Berlin, Mar. 8.

According to an announcement issued from the Chinese Embassy here, Germany's reply to the Chinese protest against the recognition of Manchoukuo is in the form of a letter sent by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, to Dr. Tien-fong Cheng, the Chinese Ambassador in Berlin. In this letter the German Foreign Minister again stresses the view already repeatedly expressed by German official quarters that this step can in no way be interpreted as meaning that Germany has taken sides in the Far Eastern conflict.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Cutters to Patrol Alaskan Fishing Waters

Eight Fastest Coast Guard Craft Detailed for Work

EFFORT MADE TO STOP JAPANESE POACHING

Washington, Mar. 7.

The United States Coast Guard Bureau announced here to-day that eight Coast Guard cutters were being assigned to patrol the Bering Sea to enforce salmon conservation laws enacted by the United States. Japanese fishing boats in these waters have often been accused of violation of the conservation laws.

The Coast Guard cutters which will begin the patrol work on April 20 will include the Spencer, Hamilton and Ingham, three of the most powerful and fastest patrol boats in the Coast Guard service. They are equipped with five-inch guns and carry aeroplanes.

Mr. Anthony Dimond, Alaskan Delegate to the House of Representatives, meanwhile urged the introduction of a bill which would extend American jurisdiction over the Bering Sea to the extent of the "continental shelf." He has frequently warned Washington Congressional circles that Alaskan fishermen would take "armed action" against Japanese fishermen in the Bering Sea unless the Government established a strict patrol system to enforce the salmon conservation laws.

Coast Guard patrol boats will take up the new law enforcement drive despite Japanese reports that Japan had decided to cease sending fishing exploration parties into the Bering Sea in an attempt to improve strained American-Japanese relations.—United Press.

Britain's Immense Armament Policy Defended

(Continued from page 5)

line strength as a true measure of air power, and added that while air power was of first importance, it could not be taken in isolation from other elements of the defence problem.

After this digression, the Prime Minister defined the objectives of the defence policy as:

1. The protection of Great Britain itself,
2. The preservation of trade routes on which they depended for food and raw materials.
3. The protection of British territories overseas, including military, naval and air bases, and
4. Co-operation in the defence of the territories of any allies they might have in the event of war.

"Our need to maintain garrisons and overseas naval bases in various parts of the world," Mr. Chamberlain asserted, "means that, in war-time, there would immediately be substantial demands for reinforcements at strategic points.

Safeguards of Home

"But they are not as vital as the defence of our country, because so long as we are undefeated at home, even if we sustain losses overseas, we may have an opportunity of making them good afterwards."

He stated that these objectives had been before them in the preparation of each of the service programmes. They had sought to give each service means adequate to the role it was expected to play, and the programme represented a careful balance struck after due account had been taken of all considerations.

When these programmes were added together, they formed an impressive picture of the armed power and economic might of Great Britain.

Foreign Policy Defended

Finally, Mr. Chamberlain defended the Government's foreign policy with reference to the criticism in the Labour amendment.

"It ought to be known," he said, "that our desire for peace does not signify willingness to purchase peace to-day at the price of peace hereafter. Nor can we forget our moral responsibility to our people or humanity in general. We cannot divest ourselves of interest in world peace."

The Prime Minister denied that the Government had abandoned the League but asked what small country in Europe, if threatened by a large one, could rely on the League for protection. "None," he replied.

They should not, he added, give assurance of security when such assurance could only be a delusion.

The ideals of the League were grand and magnificent, and he would never believe they were not ultimately attainable. The Government, he added, would take its full share in all efforts necessary to attain them.

Labour Leader's View

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, who followed Mr. Chamberlain, declared: "We have embarked on a system of alliances. The Premier has offended the spirit of a vast number of people. They are willing to stand for the League, but are unwilling to be dragged into another war of alliances."

Winding up the debate, Sir Thomas Inskip emphasized that there was scarcely a point in the Imperial defence policy that was not, from week to week, the subject of a very searching review.

The vast majority of Britain's air squadrons, he said, were fully equipped. "By March, 1939, we shall have 1,750 up-to-date first-line planes of the highest possible power and capacity."

The balloon barrage for London had been organized in ten squadrons, Sir Thomas Inskip informed the House. Three of the four depots for storage and administration would be completed very shortly, while four-fifths of the balloons and all winches had been delivered.—Reuter and Wireless.

OBITUARY

Sir Cyril Cobb

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 8.

Sir Cyril Cobb, Conservative M.P. for West Fulham, died to-day at the age of 77. Sir Cyril was elected M.P. for West Fulham in December, 1918. In May, 1929, he was defeated, but was re-elected the following year.—Reuter.

SPAIN MEDIATION CONSIDERED

Mr. Chamberlain Says No Chances to Be Missed

COMMONS STATEMENT ON GERMAN PARLEYS

London, Mar. 7.

Mediation in the Spanish civil war may possibly be discussed during the forthcoming negotiations in Rome, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in a reply in the House of Commons this afternoon regarding Anglo-Italian and Anglo-German negotiations.

"It is a question that seems hardly suitable for inclusion in the agenda of the forthcoming discussions," he said, "but the possibilities of mediation certainly will not be overlooked if any favourable opportunity arises."

The Prime Minister also declared that the Government remains "bound by Article XX of the League Covenant not to enter engagements inconsistent with the terms of the Covenant." He added that the problem of German colonies would not be raised during the Anglo-Italian parleys and indicated that the present British commitments towards France "are the obligations of this country to France and are, apart from anything that may result from the Covenant of the League of Nations, those in the Locarno Treaty of 1925 and are reaffirmed by a section of the arrangement drawn up in London on March 19, 1936."

Lt.-Cmdr. R. T. Fletcher, Labour, inquired about reports that Herr Hitler had asked the British Government to put an end to press attacks against the Reich and asked for assurances that the British Government will not attempt to interfere with the freedom of the British press at the request of a foreign government.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied, "I am unaware that the German Chancellor has made any such statement to the British Ambassador in Berlin, but I can certainly give the assurance that Mr. Fletcher desires. I would, however, accompany it with the reminder of the heavy responsibility international matters carried by the press."

The Prime Minister also indicated that the Anglo-German parleys were only of a preliminary nature.—Havas.

FRENCH DESTROYER ATTACKED

Spanish Nationalist Patrol Ships Believed Involved

Perpignan, Mar. 8.

The French destroyer Poursuivante is believed to have been involved in a minor engagement with two Spanish Nationalist patrol boats off the French coast yesterday afternoon. No official confirmation is available.

The destroyer suddenly put out to sea yesterday afternoon and, a little later, explosions were heard at sea. Two ships had seen the Poursuivante shortly after two of her crew were landed at Port Vendres slightly injured.

It was believed they were wounded by Nationalist fire but the Commander of the Poursuivante declared they had bene injured during firing practice.—Reuter.

GENERAL Chu Teh, Commander of the redoubtable 8th Route (formerly Communist) Army, recently had a narrow escape from capture by the Japanese, says a dispatch to the "Hwa Mei Pao." This episode, according to the message, occurred at a certain point in East Shansi, where General Chu was engaged in shifting the various units of his troops. Accompanied by only a handful of bodyguards, he was at one time nearly set upon by a detachment of Japanese soldiers, says the report.

PARTY MERGER IN JAPAN PRESSED

Prince Konoye May Become Chairman of New Body

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, is likely to become President of the new political party which will be organized by merging the majority Minseito and Seiyukai parties, according to both the "Asahi Shimbun" and "Yomiuri Shimbun."

The Seiyukai Party, according to the "Asahi," has already decided to join the new party on condition that Prince Konoye become its chairman. The Minseito Party, it says, has not yet decided on its attitude but many of its leading members are taking active part in the new party movement. Ground for these speculations is thought to be seen in the reply made recently by Prince Konoye to an interpellation before the Lower House National Mobilization Committee.

The interpellator, Mr. Sutesuke Fujimoto, asked Prince Konoye whether it was not true that there was evidence of a strong desire, for the reorganization of the party system in connection with the proposed enactment of the National Mobilization Bill.

To this Prince Konoye declined to commit himself but said that the Government believed any political party "would do" if only it succeeded in stabilizing the political situation and contributed substantially to the development of the State.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN LEAVES FOR SOUTH FRANCE

London, Mar. 8.

The former British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, left London this morning for a fortnight's vacation in southern France.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. Chen Li-fu, an influential member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, who was recently appointed to the post of Minister of Education, was formally sworn into office on March 7, says a message to the "Hwa Mei Pao." The oath-taking ceremony, which was held immediately after the weekly Sun Yat-sen memorial meeting in the National Government Headquarters, was attended by over 200 high Government officials.

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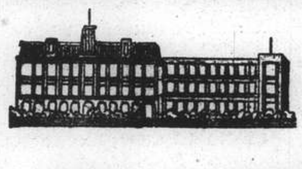
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Foreign Y.M.C.A. Enter Ten-pin Stretch with Slight Lead

MARINES LAG TWO GAMES BEHIND

Rivals to Meet Thursday in Deciding Round

COLUMBIA CLUB DEFEAT RACE CLUB

The Foreign Y.M.C.A. gained two more games last night in the Inter-Club Ten-Pin League by defeating the American Club in their own alleys, 2-1. This result put the Association team two games ahead of the Marines who were idle last night. Tomorrow night the two leaders will clash. To win the championship the "Y" need only two cut of the three games while the Servicemen require everyone of them.

H. Moseler led the league leaders in last night's display. He scored a triple of 544, including a single of 200. Quinn stood out for the losers, netting 541 pins, with a single of 203. E. F. Hartnett chalked up the best single of 204 to help win the third game from the "Y" bowlers.

A. C. Kew of the Race Club was the most outstanding performer. In his game against the Columbia Country Club in the latter's alleys he piled up the night's highest single of 243 and a fine triple of 595. His three-game total was only overshadowed by L. J. Hilden who tallied 598. The Columbians were in brilliant winning form, bowling consistently in all the games. The scores were 891-769, 877-801, and 897-764.

Fine Start

The Foreign "Y" made a fine start as a result of the high singles registered by Ross and Kleffel. The former countered 186 while the latter was five pins behind. Quinn starred for the Americans with a high tally of 203 but received no strong support from the rest the Club trailed by a team total of 844-809. In the second game, Kohnert flashed into form, toppling 204 pins. Moseler made 187 and the team went to town again, outscoring the visitors by 853-799.

In the third game the Americans came back. Klovekorn started off with a score of 188, followed by Quinn's 171, and then Hartnett's 204. Robinson only obtained 156 but Judge Lurton amended matters by a score of 183 which enabled the "Y" to be overcome by a margin of 891-834, thus saving a three-nil defeat and indirectly helping the Marine team in the team standing.

The Shanghai Race Club have virtually won the title in the Second Division when they successfully outclassed the Columbia Country Club in their own alleys by winning all the three games. The victors, however, did not display their best form as a triple total indicates. The Columbians could have upset their opponents if they had given a creditable performance.

Hill Gets 201

In the opening game the homesters commenced promisingly with Hill scoring a fine single of 201. The Columbians were far off and lagged behind by a difference of 741-645. A close race was witnessed in the next frame as the losers improved in their play. The Race Club people showed a slight decline but thanks to the effort of Watton, who made 181, the team kept their lead intact, finishing at 736-718.

A high score eventuated in the third game when the home side tallied 911 pins. This aggregate was only two pins short of the league's highest record which was made by the same team in the first round. All the five men bowled consistently, ranging from Lancaster's 170 to Kew's 194. The Columbians were totally outclassed, countering 671.

At the "Y" alleys the Marine Bees were held by the Swiss Club to a 2-1 victory, thus endangering their position in the race with the Race Club. The "Leathernecks" were out in front in the first two frames, 775-759 and 801-701, but in the third canto the Swiss delegates took the edge, winning by 728-707. The standard of play was rather mediocre; none exceeded the 500 stage. Dill of the Marines had the best triple of 493.

American Club Lose

The American Club's hopes of winning the Second Division championship were completely banished when they fell victims at the hands of the Foreign "Y" while playing in home alleys. The "Y" were in great form taking the first game by 821-754 and went even higher in the following period to emerge triumphant by a high count of 860-765. Krause netted 196 in the opening chapter but Cochran ran up 212 in the middle canto. The third game was again the visitors who resumed their superiority, making a score of 858-792.

H. Cochran and Krause showed excellent form, getting triples of 566 and 543 respectively. Cochran's single of 212, eventually, was the highest individual mark among the second leaguers in the night's bowling.

The schedule for the various championships is as follows and not as previously announced.

Mixed Doubles:—First Round, March 9 Y.M.C.A.; Second Round, March 16 C.C.C.; Third Round, March 23 S.R.C.
Men's Doubles:—First Round, March 12 A.C.; Second Round, March 19 S.R.C.; Third Round, March 26 C.C.C.
Men's Singles:—First Round, March 30, C.C.C.; Second Round, April 2 A.C.; Third Round, April 6 Y.M.C.A.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW OF F.A. CUP

London, Mar. 8.

The following are the draws for the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, to be played on March 26, and the 4th round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on March 19.

F. A. Cup Semi-Finals

Preston *v.* Aston Villa on the ground of Sheffield United.
York or Huddersfield *v.* Sunderland at Blackburn.

Scottish Cup 4th Round

Kilmarnock *v.* Morton or Ayr United.
St. Bernards *v.* Motherwell.
Falkirk *v.* Rangers.
East Fife or Aberdeen *v.* Raith Rovers.
—Reuter.

AS CHARLTON'S FORWARDS ATTACK

Clock, the Birmingham goalkeeper, is seen saving during the Home First Division soccer match against Charlton at The Valley recently.

JAPAN MAY NOT HOLD OLYMPIC GAMES

Chances Decreasing Is the Tokyo Opinion

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

That the chances of the Olympic Games of 1940 being held in Japan are decreasing, is the general impression in informed circles of this city.

When the question was brought up in Parliament yesterday, there was an obvious attempt on the part of the government to avoid committing itself, and it is commonly believed that whether or not Japan will attempt to organize the festival depends on the duration of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The opinion prevails in the War Ministry that in view of the mobilization of the entire nation and a possible lengthy duration of the war, the festival could at all events be carried out only on a modest scale.—Trans-Ocean.

Preparation for Games

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Ignoring uncertainties existing in some foreign quarters concerning participation in the 1940 Olympic Games here, the Tokyo Municipal Olympiad Organizing Committee yesterday mapped out an extensive track and field construction programme, which is to be carried out at a total cost of Y.5,900,000 after approval is granted by the Municipal Assembly.

The plan calls for the construction of huge stands to accommodate about 20,000 spectators in Shibaura at a cost of Y.600,000, and reconstruction of the old running track and athletic field in Shiba Park at a cost of Y.2,000,000.

It is intended to use the latter field chiefly for hockey matches. Grandstands there will seat about 10,000 spectators.

In preparation for indoor sports, a big auditorium will be built at the original site of the memorial hall for the late Dr. Seiichi Kishi, former president of the Japan Amateur Athletic Federation, near the Hijiri Bridge, Ochanomidzu.

The auditorium, which is expected to cost Y.2,000,000, will contain a 150-meter track, two basket-ball courts, one tennis court, boxing and wrestling rings and a 24-meter swimming pool.

Stands for spectators at the indoor track events and basketball games will seat 5,000, but their capacity can be increased to hold 8,000 persons if boxing and wrestling matches are held.

Stands to be erected at the swimming pool will seat 900 persons.

The sum of Y.500,000 will be spent for constructing an Olympic Village, where foreign athletes will be housed.

In addition to this, a big swimming pool will be constructed at a suitable place at a cost of Y.1,200,000. Grandstands with a seating capacity of 30,000 will be erected at the pool.—Domei.

Programme Unchanged

Alexandria, Mar. 8.

"There is no change in Japan's intention to hold the 1940 Olympic Games in Tokyo," declared Prof. Jigoro Kano, Japanese delegate to the meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Cairo, following his arrival here yesterday.

He based his statement on the fact that the Japanese Government has appropriated funds to cover the expenses of preparations for the games, such provision having been made in the budget already passed by the Diet.

Prof. Kano stated that "although there are some who predict to the contrary, giving the China incident as their reason, Japan is not so small a country as not to be able to meet the expenses of the games."—Domei.

MILITARY ARTS HALL REOPENING

After seven months of inaction, members of the local branch of the Butoku Kai, a society devoted to the propagation of Japanese military arts, will stretch their limbs to-morrow in a sports-fest marking the Army Day.

A series of contests will be held in the *judo*, *kendo* (Japanese fencing) and *kyujutsu* (archery) halls, adjacent to the Japanese Club, Boone Road.

CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO CAIRO MEETING

Paris, Mar. 7.

Dr. Sie-Tcheou Kang, former Dean of the Nanking College of Arts, left for Amsterdam to-day. He will fly from Amsterdam to Cairo to attend the meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Cairo.—Havas.

GRAND PRIX RACING SEASON OF UNUSUAL PROMISE

New Formula Giving Excitement of Rivalry Between New Cars of Unproved Design

London, Feb. 9.

A GRAND Prix racing season of unusual interest is promised in 1938. One of the outstanding events is the return of France after an absence of two years, and that, coupled with the fact that there will be a new formula this year, giving all the excitement of rivalry between new cars of unproved design, ought to make the season memorable.

Three French firms will be in the field this year. They are Bugatti, who kept the French flag flying before they, too, disappeared from the International arena, Delahaye and Talbot-Darracq.

The English E.R.A.'s which have done well in the light car class, are to enter the Grand Prix class with a 2½ litre car.

Mercedes-Benz and Auto Union are to represent Germany, though their plans have not been made public, so far. Indications are that the Mercedes will be a straight eight three-litre car similar to the existing 5½ litre model, but Auto Union are reported to be experimenting with a front-engined three-litre straight eight and a rear-engined 4½ litre model.

Expert Drivers

Charles Dodson, the English driver, may drive for Auto Union during the coming season, and their other drivers will be Muller and Hasse. Hans von Stuck will not be in the Auto Union team this year but will drive as a free-lance. A British driver. J. B. Seaman, will also be in the Mercedes team, which will include Rudolf Caraccíols, Herman Lang and Manfred von Brauchitsch.

Italy's plans are not known yet, but Maserati are expected to provide their chief strength. Alfa-Romeo are expected to compete separately, instead of jointly, as in past seasons. Stuck may drive an Italian car in the coming international season.

The French Grand Prix, after two years as a sports race, becomes a formula race once more this year, and will probably be held on July 2, though efforts are still being made to have it moved in order to avoid a clash with the Vanderbilt Cup race in America on July 4.

This year the race will be held over the Rheims circuit, where it was held in 1932, the last occasion on which it was held in the provinces. On that occasion the Italian, Tazzio Nuvolari, won at 92.32 miles an hour. Everything points this year to a speed of 100 miles an hour.

Plenty of Racing

There will be plenty of racing in Britain, though there are many details yet to be fixed. The Tourist Trophy, for instance, has to find a home, and at the moment the choice seems to lie between the Isle of Man and Donington Park, the Derbyshire circuit which has established itself as a popular, and first, road racing circuit in England. There is still a slight possibility that it will be held in Northern Ireland.

Donington, Brooklands and the Crystal Palace will all have big programmes.

It is a pity that so far Britain has not started full Grand Prix racing, for they have a team of drivers at present that the would bear comparison with the world's best. The outstanding driver classed as British, is, however, a Siamese, Prince Birabongse, who races as "B. Bira." Siam is not attached to the international association and Bira has to hold his licence through some other country, naturally he has chosen England, where he has lived nearly all his life. It is difficult in fact, for British sportsmen to think of him as other than belonging to the British Empire.

Brilliant Year

Bira has won the British racing Drivers' Club star for the second year in succession, after a brilliant year of driving. He spends a great amount on his hobby, and possesses probably more racing cars than any other driver. He has three E.R.A.'s, two Delages, a Maserati and a Delahaye.

Raymond Mays, an official E.R.A. driver, was only three points behind Bira's 73 in the competition for the star. Arthur Dobson comes third in the list. and is one of the best of the younger drivers, who include Charles Martin, Reg Tongue. John Wakefield and A. Powys-Lybbe. P. G. Fairfield was easily in the lead for the star when he met his fatal crash. —Reuter.

Britain's Soccer Side Selected

Great Britain's soccer team which will meet Portugual in the final of the International Cup on Sunday morning at the Canidrome was selected yesterday and is as follows:

W. Ward (S.M.P.), Curtiss (D.L.I.), Shute (S.M.P.), Brown (D.L.I.) Whiteing (Loyals), Symons (Recs), Taylor (Loyals), Jack (S.M.P.), Robinson (D.L.I.), Duffie (S.M.P.), Jim Ward (A.S.F.) Reserves.—Thomasson (D.L.I.), Gibson (S.M.P.), Shuttleworth and Yapes (Loyals).

RUSSIANS SHINE AT VOLLEYBALL

Both Club and Sokol Win at Foreign Y.M.C.A.

Russian volleyballers held sway last night in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation League as both the Russian Club and Sokol achieved success in the Second Division. The former defeated Hazelwood, 2-1, and the latter won from Betar also by straight games. These results marked the Russians' second successive victory.

While the games between the Club and Hazelwood were devoid of any interest owing to their one-sidedness, the contest between Sokol and Betar ended closely with the Jews putting up a rally, which nearly caught up the deficit in the second game and forced a third game to decide the verdict.

Chief Point Winners

Chulantzeff and Moskaleff were the chief point-getters in the Club team, gaining most of their attempts whenever they were at the net. Betar, however, also had a "killer" with them in the person of Kriunchum but he was single-handed. The Sokol stars received much better support from their teammates and won two games in a row.

Sokol made a slow start, allowing Betar to take the lead. But before the Jewish players could get further into the lead the Russians found their stride and obtained a decision of 15-10. In the second session the winners showed much finer form and led by 10-1. Over-confidence, however, spoiled their work and the losers gradually gained most of the play. Kriuchum carried on effectively to garner a row of points which had the score tied at 10-all. The Sokol grew desperate. Chulantzeff and Moskaleff tried hard and finally pulled their team out of the fire, winning by 15-11.

Marines Win and Lose

The Fourth U.S. Marines were in the remaining two games on the programme. The First Battalion were victorious while the Second Battalion failed. The former disposed of Sun Sing by a score of 15-8 and 15-10 while the latter were overcome by the Tigers at 3-15 and 7-15.

The teams were:—

Sokol:—Moskaleff, Chulantzeff, Markitant, Redroff, Vernberg, and Kotliaroff.
Betar:—Kriuchum, Gabruiller, Karipoff, Fomil, Shoosle, Furman, and Hasser.
Russian Club:—Bentzianoff, Orlon, Aliavdin, Bulanover, Jackson, and Gitoff.
Hazelwood:—Austina, Liu, Chang, Sun, Redman, Smith, and Lewis.
1st Batt.:—Solomon, Trees, Gore, Packard, Kurseth, and Sladen.
Sun Sing:—Deng, Mai, Woo, Kwan, Chen, and Lo.
2nd Batt.:—Compton, Colman, Haman, Danzl, Erb, Harris, and Tucker.
Tiger:—Toong, Lee, Gee, Liu, Sun, and Chang.

The most important game in the First Division will take place, to-night at 7.45 p.m. when the Foreign Y. M. C. A., last year's champions, will meet the Russian Regiment, highly favoured to win this season. The Regiment had had luck last year, losing to the "Y" in the final.

SHELAEFF WALK OUT STILL MYSTERY

No Explanation from His Manager or Alde

Manila, Mar. 7.

The wall of silence that was hastily thrown up about the form of Andre Shelaeff immediately following the former Oriental welter champion's inexplicable eighth round walkout in his title bout with Kid Vicente last Saturday to-day continued to stand despite all efforts of local sports writers to break through and determine the reason for the Russian's behavior.

No explanations of any kind have as yet been made by Shelaeff, by his manager, Heinrich Seelig, or by his stable-mate, Young Alde.

Nothing to Say

Beyond reiterating their faith in the "Harbin Wonder Boy," Seelig and Alde have had nothing to say, but it is apparent that they are having difficulty in recovering from the shock of Shelaeff's action.

Boxing followers in Manila, meanwhile, are buzzing with speculation, but through all runs an undercurrent of scorn and ridicule for Shelaeff's action.

It is generally believed in local ring circles that Shelaeff will never get another Manila fight unless he agrees to meet Vicente in the very near future and completely redeems himself by convincingly defeating the Cebu Caveman, who now stands upon the throne abdicated by the Russian in the eighth round last Saturday.

But it is obvious to everybody that whether Shelaeff defeats Vicente in a return match or not, he will never again have the tremendous following that was his prior to his loss on Saturday.

Manila folded Shelaeff to its bosom as it had folded no other foreign fighter in history, and it is not likely to soon get over the shock and disappointment of having pinned its faith on a man who quit without a word of explanation or without any apparent reason or excuse when things went against him for the first time.—United Press.

Mr. Hollington K. Tong, formerly of Shanghai, has been formally appointed by the Central Executive Committee to the post of Deputy Director of the Central Publicity Department, it is announced in Hankow.

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RUGGER PROGRAMME THIS WEEK-END

Seven-a-Side Contest Sunday for Welch Cup

CLUB MEETING DURHAMS ON SATURDAY

Rugby in Shanghai this week-end will be featured by the seven-a-side competition on Sunday for the Welch Cup. Of the eight teams which have entered, the likeliest winners appear to be the Durham Light Infantry "A," at least on the basis of their performance in winning the Spunt Cup last week. They are likely to find their strongest competition coming from the Club Scottish and the Marines "A" but since all three teams are in the upper brackets, the final is difficult to predict. Competition will be on a knock-out basis.

Reading from top to bottom, the first round matches will be as follows: Marines "A" *v.* Club Scottish; Durhams "A" *v.* Area Details; Marines "B" *v.* Club English; Durham "B" *v.* Club Etceteras. Competition is to begin at 2.30 p.m. at the Race Course.

On Saturday afternoon one match is to be played which will see A Club XV meeting A Durham XV, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Race Course.

Club Teams

CLUB ENGLISH.—A. G. White, J. M. Houghton (Capt.), A. S. Read, B. R. Brown, J. R. M. Warner, A. D. Sayle, W. V. K. Chadwick. Reserves: R. A. O. Mayne, R. J. Lucas.
CLUB SCOTTISH.—W. H. B. Rigg, I. M. MacRae, A. M. Kennedy (Capt.), G. S. McGill, I. Hutchison, W. J. Richmond, J. A. McGregor. Reserves: M. O. Liddell, G. C. Williams.
CLUB ETCETERAS.—C. J. Guignard, M. N. Speyer (Capt.), W. P. Hetherington, G. W. Blown, A. Thomas, R. Monnot, N. M. W. Harris. Reserves: K. R. Aiers, J. March.
CLUB XV.—F. R. L. Carey, E. A. J. Fabian, L. Komoroff, N. W. H. Gray, A. Momber, G. E. Bennett (Capt.), T. R. Bassett, A. Hartley, P. S. Hawkins, C. Yanus, L. D. M. Beattie, C. H. Hodgman, R. Stapleton-Cotton, R. A. Dodd, L. V. Fabian.

WALKER CUP PREPARATIONS

Cyril Tolley Provides a Problem: American Team is Already Selected

Londoon, Jan. 28.

Cyril Tolley, the British amateur golfer, set a problem when he won the President's Putter of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society at Rye. He is one of the selectors for the British Walker Cup team to meet the United States in the summer, and for that reason is barred as a player, but in winning the President's Putter he defeated three outstanding contenders for inclusion in the British Walker Cup team in L. G. Crawley, D. H. R. Martin and K. Scott. In addition to putting these three out himself, Tolley won from a field that included J. J. F. Pennink, the English amateurs champion.

Tolley, an international and Walker Cup player on numerous occasions, has shown that he is still one of the leading British amateurs, and it is now being asked, will he resign from the selection committee in order to become eligible for inclusion in the team?

Tolley Still Wins

In the semi-finals for the President's Putter Tolley beat Crawley by one hole and Scott, who is the Oxford captain, defeated E. F. Storey by four and three. In the final Tolley beat Scott by two holes.

In the stroke-play foursomes for the Croome Shield, which preceded the President's Putter, Tolley and G. Russell won for University College, Oxford, their score of 70 equalling the amateur record for the course.

Tolley has also been in brilliant form in holiday games on the Riviera, and holed out the first nine at Mandelieu in 28, a record for the course. On the inward half, however, he had a six and took thirty-nine for the nine holes, giving him a round of 67.

Invitations to players to represent their country in the Walker Cup have already been issued by the United States Golf Association. The selected players are:

U. S. Team

F. Ouimet (non-playing captain), (Woodland G. C. Auberndale, Mass.), R. Billows (Duchess Golf and Country Club, Poughkeepsie, New York), J. W. Fischer (Highland Country Club, Fort Thomas, Kentucky), J. Goodman (Omaha Field Club, Omaha, Nebraska), F. Haas, (Louisiana State University G.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana), C. Kocsis (Red Run G.C., Royal Oak, Michigan), Reynods Smith (Lakewond Country Club, Dallas, Texas), M. Ward (Tacoma Country and Golf Club, Tacoma, Washington), and C. R. Yates (Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia).

Alternatives:—T. Suffern Tailer (Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, New York), and D. K. Moe (Alderwood Country Club, Portland, Oregon).

Ouimet Again

Francis Ouimet, a former American amateur champion, is again non-playing captain. He led the United States to a smashing victory in the last match at Pine Valley in 1936 by nine matches to none, with three halved. He had played in every match since the institution of the cup in 1922.

Four of the successful 1936 team are retained. They are Johnny Goodman, the former American open and present amateur champion; Johnny Fischer, former amateur champion, who will be remembered for his sensational win against Jack McLean in the final of the American amateur championship in 1936; Reynolds Smith and Charles Yates.

The newcomers are Ray Billows, who distinguished himself last year by reaching the final of the American amateur championship (after beating Fischer in the semi-final); Marvin Ward, who got to the semi-final round only to be eliminated by the eventual winner, Goodman; and Fred Haas and Charles Kocsis, who were both knocked out in the third round.—Reuter.

BRUINS BEATEN BUT STILL LEAD

Canadiens Push Further Ahead in Ice Hockey

Detroit, Mar. 7.

The Detroit Red Wings created a major upset to-night when they beat the Bruins, leaders of the American Division of the National Ice Hockey League, 4-3.

Despite their defeat the Bruins still continued to hold their four-point lead over the Rangers for the New York Blueshirts lost to their brethren, the Americans, 3-1.

In the Canadian Division, however, the leading Maple Leafs strengthened their position with a two game victory. They beat the Canadiens, 6-3, to-night and the Maroons yesterday, 2-0. The Leafs had a fairly easy time with both Montreal sextets.

The Maroons, who hug the basement in the Canadian Division, also lost to-night, dropping a game to the Chicago Black Hawks, 7-1.

By losing to the "cellarite" Red Wings, the Bruins suffered their second upset in less than a week. They lost to the third-place Black Hawks on Friday, 3-2.

League Standing

Canadian Division	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.
Maple Leafs	22	13	8	52
Canadiens	16	16	11	43
Americans	16	15	10	42
Maroons	11	28	5	27
American Division				
Bruins	27	11	5	59
Rangers	25	13	5	55
Black Hawks	13	22	9	35
Red Wings	10	22	11	31

—United Press.

WAS IT REALLY A HOLE IN ONE?

London, Jan. 27.

During a four-ball game at the Worcester Golf and Country Club a ball played at the 166-yards eighth hole lodged in the folds of the wet flag. The players carefully unfolded the flag and the ball dropped out and rolled into the hole.

The Royal and Ancient Club has been asked to decide whether the player holed in one.—Reuter.

T. McNeill, who is suffering from an ulcerated stomach, is showing good improvement, and there is every hope that he will be fit enough for Aintree.

The "China Times," one of the leading Chinese newspapers in Shanghai with a history of 30 years, will resume publication in Chungking shortly. The paper was forced to suspend publication in November last year "on account of special circumstances in Shanghai."

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Chief Feature of Year, Progress Made With the Reforms in Organization

IN his annual report to the Municipal Council, Mr. A. F. Gimson, Commissioner of Public Works, states that the chief feature of the year has been the progress made with the reforms in the organization of the different branches of the office which were commenced last year and are now nearly completed.

For the most part these changes have had to be introduced gradually to avoid risks of breakdowns in the services and to get the personnel accustomed to each major step before introducing the next. The changes will not materially impair the standard of any important service, though they have permitted considerable reductions in staff. Their full effect on economy will not be felt until 1938, when it is expected that the total reduction in the annual Ordinary Expenditure of the Department since the re-organization was commenced will exceed 1½ million dollars.

The most fruitful expedient in effecting these reforms has been the amalgamation of the duties and staffs of allied branches and of branches whose combination may be expected to produce economies.

House Refuse

In this way House Refuse collection, taken over some years ago from the Health Department, has been combined with House Refuse disposal, Street cleansing, Transport and Ordure collection, into one large branch, enabling the same work to be done with a smaller staff and yet with more efficient control.

The Highways Branch has for long been under-staffed. The work of the District Engineers has increased so much in volume and variety during the past ten years with the development of the town and growth of traffic that they have never had time to give sufficient attention to the economics of their work, or to the adequate supervision of their labour. The Highways labour is so widely distributed over the town, is so constantly moving from place to place, and concerned with so many different kinds of work that proper supervision presents special difficulties. To find the necessary additional staff was also not easy. Trained highways engineers are not to be found locally, their engagement from abroad is expensive, and the local peculiarities of subsoil and traffic so affect road construction that training and experience abroad are of uncertain value. Accordingly the extra staff had to be sought from within, and was found by combining the Sewerage and Highways Branches. Sewerage may not appear to have much in common with Highways work, but, like all other utilities, it uses the roads. The pooling of the two staffs, though they had already been reduced, supplied sufficient extra staff to permit a complete reorganization of the combined work of these branches. The system of control by districts which had always seemed so convenient was entirely discarded.

Control of Labour

The control and supply of all labour and materials is now an entirely separate organization handled by two engineers. All private work for property owners and the Public Utility Companies is similarly managed by another branch of the Section, leaving two Highways Engineers free to decide how, when and where work is to be down in the most economical and advantageous way.

As might be expected, such radical changes have not been made without friction. The pooling of the indoor staff did not present much difficulty, but the first steps towards it with the outdoor staff in the Spring caused a general strike of all Highways labour followed by other difficulties which led to the postponement of the reforms until the unusual conditions in the Autumn made their introduction easier.

Bridges

The plans for the proposed replacement of the existing timber footbridge across the Soochow Creek at Kiangse Road by a modern reinforced concrete highway bridge were completed in July. Detailed arrangements had also been made with the Shanghai Waterworks Company, Ltd., for the accommodation in the bridge of two new 30-inch mains, and the demolition of the existing aqueduct. Tenders had been called for when the outbreak of hostilities caused temporary abandonment of the project For the same reason the landing stages budgetted for were not carried out and the bunding programme was curtailed.

By arrangement with the City Government, three timber bridges in the Western outside roads area were replaced by reinforced concrete culverts, so eliminating future annual expenditure on maintenance and the necessity for strengthening the bridges as traffic loads increase.

Early in August the first section of the Flood Prevention Scheme in the Central District bounded by Avenue Edward VII, Honan Road and Foochow Road was successfully put into operation. Since August, the area protected has been extended northwards to Nanking Road.

Movements of bundings and bridge abutments in the Soochow Creek due to extensive dredging have called for urgent remedial measures in several places. Such movements are very slow and, whilst scarcely appreciable to the eye, may cause considerable damage to the bridges, carriage ways and underground works, but the magnitude of the forces behind these movements is so great that it is difficult either to prevent them or check them once they start.

Building Permits

The estimated value of buildings in the Settlement for which permits were issued during the first seven months of 1937, was $9,151,880, compared with $6,044,990 for the corresponding period of last year, an increase of $3,106,890. Since the commencement of hostilities in August, however, there has naturally been very little activity in the building trade, the estimated value of buildings for which permits were issued during the last five months of 1937 amounting to $1,619,800, compared with $5,465,000 for the corresponding period of 1936, showing a decrease of $3,845,200. The total estimated value of buildings for which permits were issued during the year was $10,771,680, compared with $11,509,990 during 1936.

The estimated value of minor works for which General Permits were issued amounted to $892,500 (compared with $1,140,000 in 1936), including 203 temporary storage sheds in the Central and Western Districts, erected to accommodate merchandize from the areas affected by hostilities until local conditions become normal.

1,677 applications for permits for new buildings were received (compared with 1,934 in 1936), of which 876 were approved. Of the 1,677 applications, 501 were submitted by foreign applicants and 1,176 by Chinese applicants.

The demolition of old buildings comprised 653 Chinese houses and 91 foreign buildings, amongst which were the American Oriental Bank Building on Nanking Road, the Chekiang Bank Building at the corner of Hankow and Kiangse Roads, and the old Kalee Building at the corner of Kiukiang and Kiangse Roads. It is interesting to note that the number of Chinese houses demolished during the year exceeds the number of new Chinese houses for which permits were issued, by 93.

The highest number of separate works under construction in any one month was 382 in August, the lowest being 144 in November.

The damage to buildings resulting from the typhoon which visited Shanghai on August 3 and 4 was small. Apart from minor damage involving a number of advertising hoardings, plate-glass windows, fences and galvanized iron roofs, only one major collapse was reported, when the upper portion of the front wall of 374 Honan Road fell into the road. The walls of the buildings adjacent were found to be in a ruinous state and were subsequently demolished by the owner.

Survey of Vacant Premises

With the closing of the Eastern and Northern Areas of the Settlement on the outbreak of hostilities in August, a general survey was made of the Central and Western Districts and the area between the western boundary of the Settlement and the Railway line with a view to obtaining information of all vacant premises for supplying accommodation for schools, hospitals, billets for troops, and for the storage of large consignments of rice and other essential commodities.

In pursuance of the policy approved last year, 1,000 squatter huts were scheduled for demolition in 1937. 499 were demolished in May and June. Demolition notices were served on a further 500, but, owing to the outbreak of hostilities, no further action could be taken. The growth of new huts since August has been kept under control.

Road Raising

The raising of Hankow, Kiangse and Foochow Roads fronting the Administration Building to avoid flooding was completed early in the year.

A portion of Minghong and Miller Roads was raised to prevent flooding in that area, and the tram track on the former road was re-aligned.

In connection with the application of the Rules for Steam Plant Installations and Other Systems under Pressure, the Department acted as Secretaries to the Selection Board set up under the Rules for the approval of engineers as Boiler Surveyors, Plant Engineers and Installation Engineers, and dealt with 103 applications, of which 93 were approved.

Road Widenings

Negotiations were completed for the acquisition of 30.275 mow for road widenings and extensions at a cost of $939,119, these negotiations involving some 99 transactions.

The programme of road improvements for the year included the widening of Racecourse Road on the south-east of the Racecourse and the widening of that section of Tiendong Road between North Honan and North Chekiang Roads. When the outbreak of hostilities occurred considerable progress had been made towards completing the widening of these roads.

Emergency Measures

On the outbreak of hostilities on August 14 the Department undertook the usual duties assigned to it in such emergencies. 3 miles of barbed wire defences and 35 sandbag posts were rapidly erected in 'B' Sector opposite the North Railway Station. 3½ miles of barbed wire defences were erected for the British Forces on the Western Sector, and assistance given in the erection of 4 miles for the American Forces. More than 172,000 filled sandbags were supplied to the different defence units and civilian institutions. 700 'knife rests' and 'framed concertinas' were also made for defence, and a movable boom provided across the Soochow Creek for the British Forces.

Emergency dumps for coal and gasoline were provided in the Race Course and elsewhere.

Many buildings were leased and fitted to accommodate Schools, Hospitals, Nurses' Quarters, the Volunteers and Rice Storage.

The cessation of the normal supply of such native products as bambooware, sand, broken stone, bricks, and lime caused a serious shortage, which was met by improvised products and substitutes of various kinds.

A HUGE programme of highway construction in Szechuen is being pushed by the China International Famine Relief Commission, states a dispatch to the "Hwa Mei Pao." About 28,000 labourers are working day and night on a road system, which will run through the most difficult terrain of the province. The completion of the projected network of highways will not only prevent recurrence of famines, but will develop the infinite economic potentialities of Szechuen.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.
Sir Reginald Johnston

MANCHU EMPEROR'S TUTOR PASSES

Sir Reginald Johnston Dies in Edinburgh at 64

WEIHAIWEI RENDITION SERVICE RECALLED

Edinburgh, Mar. 8.

Sir Reginald Fleming Johnston, formerly tutor to the Emperor of Manchoukuo and later Commissioner for Weihaiwei, has died in Edinburgh at the age of 64, it is announced today.

Sir Reginald, who began life in the Hongkong Civil Service, became tutor to the Emperor of Manchoukuo in 1919 when the Emperor was then ex-Emperor of China. He was with the Emperor until 1925.

In 1927 he became Commissioner of Weihaiwei until Weihaiwei was returned to China in October 1930. Sir Reginald personally conducted most of the rendition negotiations.

In 1931 he was made Chairman of the Delegation sent to China by the Universities' China Committee and from 1931 to 1937 was Professor of Chinese at the University of London and Head of the Department of Languages and Cultures of the Far East at the School of Oriental Languages in London.—Reuter.

FRENCH FRANC IS WEAK IN LONDON

Remarks by Premier Cause Slight Uneasiness

London, Mar. 8.

Vague reference made during the week-end by M. Camille Chautemps, the French Premier, to "important sacrifices" for national security, served to create some nervousness over the franc in the London foreign exchange market yesterday morning.

After opening at 153.93, a moderate volume of offerings from the Continent drove the rate down to 154.50, at which level the French Control succeeded in arresting the fall. The rate finally closed at 154.93. Depreciation was assisted by sales of francs for commercial account, especially against purchases of dollars. —Reuter.

U.S. ANTI-MONOPOLIST GIVEN KEY POST

Prof. Arnold Named Assistant Attorney-General

Washington, Mar. 7.

President Roosevelt to-day nominated Professor Thurman Arnold of Yale University to succeed Mr. Robert Jackson as Assistant Attorney-General of the United States. The Senate recently confirmed the appointment of Mr. Jackson to the post of Solicitor General.

Prof. Arnold, who would head the anti-monopoly division of the Attorney General's office, is the author of the best seller, "Folklore of Capitalism," in which he attacks the alleged inefficiency of anti-trust laws. His nomination was interpreted here as definite indication that the Administration planned to continue its anti-monopoly campaign -- United Press.

NAHAS PASHA PELTED WITH TOMATOES

Cairo, Mar. 8.

Nahas Pasha, the Nationalist leader, was pelted with tomatoes, eggs, shoes and stones by the crowd when leaving the Mosque at Damanhor in the province of Behara yesterday, and the police had to come to his aid, arresting 30 demonstrators, according to an official report in the "Mudir." —Trans-Ocean.

U.S. FARMERS SUFFER FROM WANT

Washington, Mar. 7.

A large number of American rural families are experiencing "serious privations," Mr. Corrington Gill, Works Progress Administration official, told the Senate Unemployment Committee here to-day. He said at least 3,500,000 rural families had received public assistance at some time during the eigh-year depression.—United Press.

FRAUDULENT LAWYER OF PACIFIST SENTENCED

Berlin, Mar. 8.

Dr. Kurt Wannow, who swindled the pacifist, Herr Carl von Ossietzky, out of the largest part of the Nobel Peace Prize, was sentenced yesterday to two years penitentiary and a fine of Rm. 8,000.—Trans-Ocean.

A COMPLETE settlement has been reached over the trouble in Alashan Bannerland arising from the recent abortive coup by Prince Ta to uproot the authority of the Chinese Government, the "Sin Wen Pao" learns from its correspondent in Lanchow. Prince Ta, who arrived in Ninghsia on March 5, has repented his actions and reaffirmed his allegiance to the Chinese Government. He has also consented to the complete confiscation of arms and ammunitions in his bannerland.

THE INVESTOR AND THE MARKETS

Analysis of Situation Indicates that America Holds Key to Near Future

ACROSS the waters of the Atlantic, the natural forces of recovery had begun to make themselves felt late in 1932 and would no doubt have been effective in good time if given free play. The stream of bank failures, however, had thrown the country into a panic and when President Roosevelt took office in March 1933 it was in a receptive mood for the drastic action he took and the sweeping legislation he pushed through Congress. The occasion suited his genius. "Try one thing; if it doesn't work try another. But above all do something." This was his watchword and it appealed to the temperament of the American people.

The result was a series of improved measures which no practical economist or financier could approve; neither well thought out nor self-consistent it bore within itself the seeds of future trouble, which was not lessened by the subsequent Supreme Court invalidation of some of the most important Acts.

Dual Nature of His Policy

It will remain an open controversy whether, in the long run, Roosevelt hastened real recovery or actually retarded it but there can be no question that he imposed upon it a vastly different form. The method adopted was in essence inflationary (or reflationary, to recall the euphemistic term current at that time) and included devaluation of the dollar and enormous expenditure on relief and public works. There was also another side to this legislation for the policy of the president was of a dual nature in which the rehabilitation of business was subordinated to far-reaching schemes of social reform. It was inevitable that even under the most careful and informed planning internal strains and discords would develop in pursuing divergent and incompatible ends, and much more so when a fixed plan was absent. This may explain in large part the mess the country now finds itself in.

By the end of 1936, recovery in America had attained large proportions but there were still heavy arrears to be made up in building construction and in the replacement and expansion of capital goods. In this important respect the European countries were at a more advanced stage and it was therefore confidently expected that for another year or two at least there would be no setback in America who would be pulling her weight still while industry and trade had begun to slacken elsewhere. Very unexpectedly, it is there that the collapse has come and endangered the prospects of the rest of the world.

Collapse and Explanations

Explanations vary from those which place the entire blame on the New Deal, to that which sees a sinister conspiracy amongst capitalists to encompass Roosevelt's political ruin by destroying the value and earning powers of their own assets. The truth is doubtless a mixture of all. Reduction of Governmental spending; taxes which obstruct business expansion and enterprise, such as the Undistributed Profits levy higher operating costs of the public services; increased wages in industry leading to rising costs which the buying public will not meet, as has happened with motor-cars and residential building; distrust and fear of government policies; and exacting regulations governing new capital issues, resulting in available capital finding its way into tax-free government bonds rather than taking the risks of industrial investment; discouragement of Stock Exchange speculation brought about by high marginal requirements and close scrutiny of transactions; these and many other factors have played their part in creating the present deadlock.

An Unbalanced Economy

The unevenness of recovery in the United States (in striking contrast with Great Britain) may be illustrated by the figures for residential construction. Though the population had risen by some seven million since 1929, the monthly average of contracts awarded in 1936 was under $67 million in 1936 against $160 million then. The potential demand and unsatisfied needs of the country are enormous but the cost of construction in relation to rental value had risen too far, and in spite of the apparent prosperity of the people they could not afford to buy or rent the houses they needed. In consequence the numerous industries dependent on building construction have had to remain relatively inactive.

Steel production which rose steadily from 1932 has in the last few months dropped with startling rapidity, in the face of an acknowledged need for new railway rolling stock and great arrears in utility replenishment and construction. Though the consumption of electrical power has been making new records until recently the companies have maintained that the increased cost of production together with enforced reductions in rates have so impaired their profit margins that even a small decline in consumption will seriously affect their earning capacity and so they are reluctant to place new orders for equipment. Somewhat similar considerations account for the ultra-conservative attitude of the railways.

Conclusions and Remedy

The conclusions that emerge from this rapid review are, first that in Europe as a whole, in spite of all obstructions, there has been a general recovery running fairly true to form and with no signs of a serious relapse in the near future; secondly, that in the United States, on the contrary, the recovery has deviated widely from the normal course, owing to the impact of the New Deal in all its numerous ramifications, and for the same reasons it has come to an abrupt stop while still at a much less mature stage than in England. Further, that just as the impasse is caused by legislative action so the remedy may be found in the same sphere.

Some qualification of this rather bare statement must be made. In Europe there is a recurrent condition of international tension, which may culminate in an explosion without warning; this contingency will be ever present, until political appeasement has been secured. All countries are spending gigantic sums beyond their incomes and so laying up a burden for the future. Moreover, unless conditions rapidly improve in America the malaise will spread to Europe: there can be no escape.

Credit and Responsibility

In the halcyon days of not so long ago Roosevelt insisted on full credit for the rising tide of recovery. "Make no mistake", he said, "we planned it so," and if he didn't plan the aftermath the responsibility for it cannot be evaded. There is a Congressional election coming along in November and the trend of business will have to turn long before then if the champions of the New Deal are to retain their seats. No electorate can be placated by an attempt to shift the blame on to other shoulders.

Roosevelt has, in fact, declared that if business does not restore itself the government will step in and take up the slack. At the same time he has expressed his desire for, and expectation of, an early balancing of the Budget; so here again is another dilemma, for assistance to industry can only mean a fresh expansion of Federal spending. This is already involved in the new Armament programme so it must seem that a return to orthodox government finance is farther off than ever. Inflation, indeed, is once again a factor in the thought of Wall Street where only a few months ago the rumour of deflation started the debacle in commodity prices. It is a grim commentary on all this that when Roosevelt first devalued the currency it was his avowed object to give the country a dollar of unvarying purchasing power.

Main Lines of Action

It may be assumed that the Government has the means to reverse the direction of business once it has decided on the methods to be adopted. The present indications are that the President is still reluctant to give up or modify any of his cherished projects, but if the industrialists refuse to play according to his rules, since they see no promise of profits therein, it is inevitable that in time he will have to submit, or lose the initiative to Congress which will make its own new rules.

Apart from legislation of a general character to relieve business from some of the difficulties imposed on it, such as the Undistributed Profits Tax and the Capital Gains Tax, there are three main lines along which action is desired. The first has been recognized in the Housing Bill already introduced. Considered opinion is that it cannot bring early relief, and there must be helpful cooperation from the labour unions to bring down the cost/rental ratio, which in fact has recently shown improvement.

Utilities and Railways

The other two are the Utilities and the Railways. Roosevelt's feud with the former has been the bitterest of his conflicts with big business but there have been some tentative approaches and with accommodation on both sides and a compromise the way would be open to a flood of new equipment orders. The case of the Railways is now under consideration. Operating costs have risen and are rigidly fixed. To make adequate profits, they claim, requires a 15 per cent. increase in tariffs. It is a delicate matter for too high tariffs would impede the free flow of commerce, but some increase will certainly be granted. It will not be of much use unless the volume of freight expands and that again, depends on a general revival: but a solution of the problem will result in large orders for the heavy industries that are now languishing.

This analysis of the situation indicates that the United States holds the key to the near future and that within the next few months it is events there that will determine whether recovery will resume its interrupted course or relapse definitely into depression. Some encouragement may be gathered from recent statistics. Business Activity has risen from 78.3 to 82.0; Steel production from 19.2 to 32.7; Building Construction for December at $209,450,000 is up $11 million on November and the first half of January is $21,600,000 over the first half of November. After the precipitous collapse of the autumn months this may be no more than a temporary rebound and the trend will have to be maintained for confidence to be restored.

Other Means of Relief

There is much potential good in the proposed trade agreement with Great Britain which will do more to promote world trade by its direct effect and its example than any other act now in view. Mr. Hull, a convinced Free Trader has been quietly negotiating such agreements for years past and history may record that his efforts have done more for American business than Mr. Roosevelt's pyrotechnical virtuosity.

The President has been holding conferences with representatives of business and of labour and if he is a realist as well as an adroit politician it may be expected that he will appreciate the wisdom of soft-pedalling on his social reforms. In France, under somewhat similar circumstances the Popular Front government decreed a breathing space while industry adjusted itself to the new conditions, with benefit to all.

HAWKER HURRICANE FIGHTERS

New R.A.F. Plane Puts Up Excellent Performance

London, Mar. 7.

Aeroplanes of the "Hawker Hurricane" fighter type, one of which recently flew from Edinburgh to London at 408.75 m.p.h., have now been supplied to No. 111 Squadron in sufficient numbers to complete its first-line strength of fourteen machines and provide for some reserve.

When at work at Northold on Friday, the Squadron gave evidence of its ability to fly in close formation and revealed ease of control in spite of increased speed.

Observers say that landing speeds were not noticeably greater than for the older, slower planes.

The "Hurricane" planes are low Wasp monoplanes of all-metal construction, except the wings, and are equipped with Rolls-Royce Merlin engines of 1,050 horse-power.—Wireless through Reuter.

PRINCE MICHAEL TO VISIT LONDON

Rumania Heir to Accompany Father on State Visit

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 8.

King Carol of Rumania will be accompanied by his son, Crown Prince Michael, when he arrives in London on March 22 on a State visit.

The Rumanian monarch will be met by the King when he arrives in London, while at Folkestone he will be greeted by the Duke of Gloucester.

Prince Michael is said to be playing a leading role in the attempt to bring about a reconciliation between his mother, Princess Helena, and King Carol.

Princess Helena, who divorced her husband some years ago, is living in Italy.—Reuter.

MISS GRETA GARBO WILL MARRY

Dr. Stokowsky and Bride to Retire After Wedding

Stockholm, Mar. 8.

Reports that Miss Greta Garbo is to marry the director of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Leopold Stokowsky, were confirmed yesterday by the "Allehanda" which declares on authority of reliable information from Philadelphia that upon his return to America Dr. Stokowski will retire from public life and build a house in Arizona for himself and Miss Garbo. The famous film actress has, according to the paper, declared her intention of also retiring from the screen after her marriage.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BETTER

Slight Improvement Shown for February Returns

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 8.

A slight improvement in the employment situation in Great Britain is shown in the latest official returns.

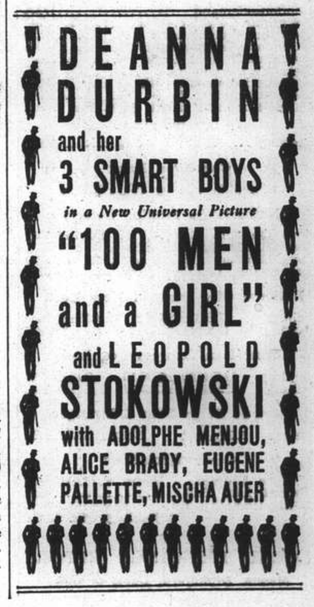
The registered unemployed in Britain on February 14 totalled 1,810,421. This is a decrease of 17,186 compared with the number on January 17 but an increase of 238,000 compared with February 22 last year.

The insured employed on the same date totalled 11,324,000, which is an increase of 15,000 compared with the number on January 17 and an increase of 20,000 compared with February 22, 1937.—Reuter.

POLAND TO RECOGNIZE ITALIAN IMPERIUM

Warsaw, Mar. 8.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, will propose a toast to the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia at a dinner to be given in Col. Beck's honour by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, in Rome to-day, according to a reliable report here. This will be tantamount to Polish recognition of the Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia.—Trans-Ocean.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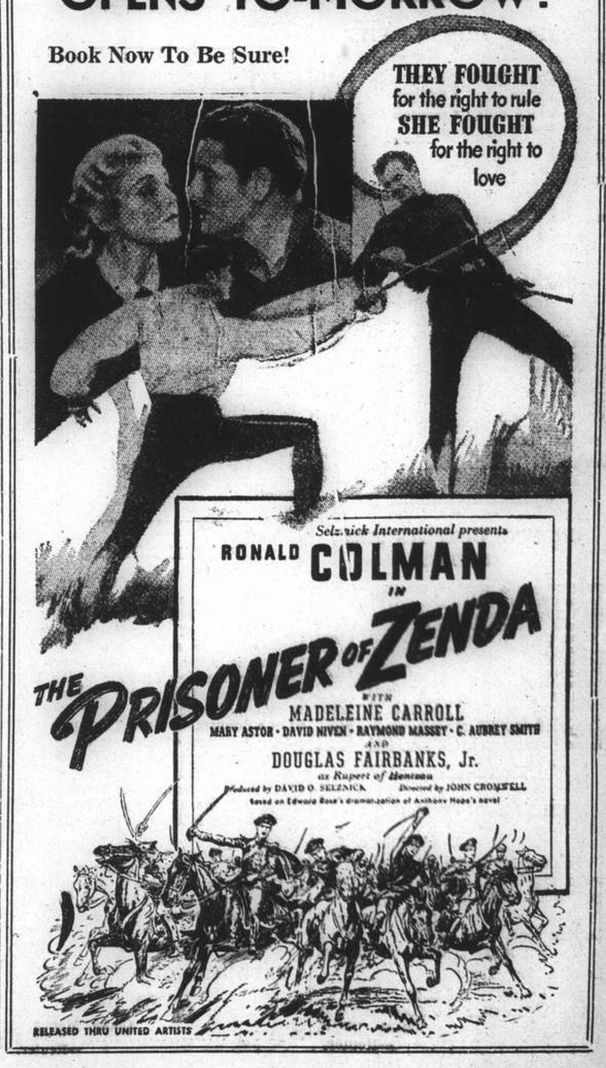
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

MONEY & EXCHANGE

Quotations in Chinese Standard Dollars

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 7/32 ..... $ 16.92
U.S. $100 @ 29 3/32 ..... $338.27

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 7/32 ..... $16.7685
U.S. $100 @ 29 7/32 ..... $334.72
London—demand 1/2 7/32
4 months' sight credits 1/2 1/32
4 months' sight dccts 1/2 3/32
6 months' sight credits 1/2 5/32
6 months' sight docts 1/2 7/32
New York—demand ..... U.S. $29 7/8
4 months' sight credits 30
4 months sight docts 30 1/8
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

CLOSING RATES

Sterling ..... 1/2 7/32 U.S. $29 11/16

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 29 5/8 = $337.56

Netherlands Trading Society

Java Guilders $100 ..... buying 53 3/8
Netherlands Guilders $100 .. „ 53 1/2
Java Guilders $100 ..... selling 52 3/4
Netherlands Guilders $100 .. „ 52 7/8

National City Bank of New York

Selling U.S.$1=$3.3827 £1=$16.954
Buying U.S.$1=$3.3543 £1=$16.805

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$336.13 £1=$16.80
Selling U.S.$100=$338.27 £1=$16.92

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 1.74 1/2 = $1 Belgas 29.50 = £1

Other Quotations

It. Lire 5.50 = $1 Swiss F. 1.27 1/2 = $1
Tourist Lire 6.10 ..... = $1
Berlin-Hamburg T.T $100 = Rm. 73.00
$100 = Reg. Mk. 139.00

LOCAL EXCHANGE REPORT

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 1/2 1/4	Lowest 1/2 7/32
U.S. G.$	29 1/2	29 1/2
Yen	—	—

MERCHANTS CLOSING RATES

SELLING			BUYING
Cash			March
£ T.T.	1/2 7/32	4 m/s. l.c.	1/2 7/32
G.$ T.T.	29 5/8	4 m/s. l.c.	29 7/8
Fcs. T.T.	917	4 m/s.	950
Rs. T.T.	78 3/8	7 d/s.	79

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 1/4	20
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	44 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	51.02	—
Bombay offtake 75 bars.	Market quiet and steady.	

London silver was 1/16 down for ready and unchanged forward, being 20 1/4 for spot and 20.- forward. New York was unchanged at 44 3/4 and Bombay was unchanged at 51.02.

It was reported India bought and sold. Business small. Market quiet. After the official fixing the market ruled very quiet. At the close, there were small sellers at the fixed rate.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 1/2 7/32 Sterling 29 5/8 U.S.$ and Yen 102 1/4.

The Interbank market was unchanged and quiet. There was very little activity and the market closed with sellers:—

Cash	Sterling 1/2 7/32	U.S.$29 11/16
March	Sterling 1/2 15/32	U.S.$29 5/8
April	Sterling 1/2 3/32	U.S.$29 1/2
May	Sterling 1/2 1/16	U.S.$29 1/16
June	Sterling 1/1 31/32	U.S.$29 15/32

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Mar. 7.

Japan	77 1/2	London	1/6 3/32
New York	265 1/4	2 mths	
Shanghai	80	„ (sellers)	1/6 3/32
Hongkong	84 1/8	„ (buyers)	1/6 1/8

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	500.80	Shanghai	1/2 3/8
Paris	154.93	Bombay	1/6 2/32
Berlin	12.40	Hongkong	1/3 1/2
Amsterdam	8.96 11/32	Singapore	2/4 1/8
Brussels	29.60 1/4	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	79.00 N	„ (buying)	1/11 3/32
Milan	95.10	C'slovakia	142.62
Berne	21.59 3/4		

New York: U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.40	Japan	29.00
Spain	5.75	Shanghai	29.73
Holland	55.85	Austria	19.93
Paris	3.23 1/4	C'slovakia	3.51 1/2
Brussels	16.91 3/4	Hungary	19.90
Italy	5.26 1/4	Rumania	0.74 1/2
S'tzerland	23.19 1/2	Yugo Slavia	2.34 1/2
Sweden	25.80	Greece	0.92
Norway	25.17 1/2	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	22.35	Finland	2.21 1/2
Montreal	99.970	Poland	19.00
Brazil	5.90		
London			5.00 7/8
London Demand			5.00 3/8
London Bankers' 60 Days Bills			5.00 7/8
London Commercial 60 Days Bills			5.00 7/8
Buenos Aires, Paper			31.06
Buenos Aires, Paper Market rate			26.06
Montreal on London			5.01

—Reuter.

FOREIGN MONEY RATES

London:	Mar. 7.
Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	0 3/8%
Bank Bills, 6 months	0 1/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	2 1/4%
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months	2 3/4%
Call Money	0 1/2%
New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/2% B
	0 7/16% A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 1/2% B
	0 1/2% A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

(Closing Bids in Pesos)

	Mar. 5	Mar. 7
Antamok	.58	.56
Atok	.26	.27
Benguet Consolidated	9.70	9.60
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	.39	.38
Mine Operations	.13	.14
San Mauricio	.54	.52
United Paracale	.45	.43

Turnover: 452,000 Pesos.
Index: (closing prices) 88.40.

	Pesos
Antamok	388,200

—Reuter.

RUBBER OUTPUTS FOR FEBRUARY

	lb.
S'hai Kelantan Rubber Estates..	18,100
Alma Estates, Ltd.	46,000
Batu Anam (Johore) Rub. Est.	36,000
Chemor United Rubber Co., Ltd.	44,000
Cheng Rubber Estates, Ltd.	23,000
Kepayang Rub. Estates Co., Ltd.	10,000
Repah Rub. & Tapioca Est., Ltd.	38,000
Samagaga Rubber Co., Ltd.	18,000
Semambu Rubber Estates, Ltd.	30,000
S'hai Malay Rub. Est., Ltd.	43,000
S'hai Seremban Rub. Est., Ltd.	18,000
Senawang Rubber Estates, Co.	37,000
Sua Manggis Rub. Co., Ltd.	14,000
Tebong Rubber Estates, Ltd.	92,000

SILVER QUOTATIONS

London, Mar. 8.

Considerably lower prices for silver were fixed in London to-day, with quotations being as follows:—

	Mar. 7	Mar. 8
London spot	20 1/4d.	20 1/16d.
„ forward	20d.	19 13/16d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$5.01	$5.01 1/4
One U.S. dollar	47.904d.	47.892d.
Gold	139/8 1/2	139/7 1/2

—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Yesterday's Business

The market remains steady and active with a good demand for Industrials and Rubbers.

Morning Session

OFFICIAL

		CASH
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$13.40
1,000	Java Consolidated	$ 1.70
500	Wheelock	$14.00
2,000	Dominion	$ 5.20
2,000	Kroewoek	$ 0.89

UNOFFICIAL

1,000	Kelantan	$ 0.34
5,000	Semambu	$ 0.70
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$13.40
3,000	Cheng	$ 0.44
1,000	Semambu	$ 0.72

Afternoon Session

OFFICIAL

500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$13.30
1,200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$13.20
100	Tram (Reg.) £1	$31.75
2,000	Kroewoek	$ 0.89

UNOFFICIAL

4,000	Cheng	$ 0.45
1,000	Anglo Java	$12.00
Morning Session		17,300
Afternoon Session		6,800
Total		24,100

OFFICIAL INDEXES

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

	Mar. 7	8	Change
S'hai Rub. Share	204.18	204.13	Off 0.05
S'hai Gen. Stock	43.37x	*	—
Chi. Govt. Bond	101.61x	Closed	—

x—August 13, 1937.
*—Compilation Temporarily suspended until active trading resumed.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 7.

Idle conditions prevailed on the Stock Exchange to-day, with prices moving generally lower, apart from British gilt-edged securities and Far Eastern bonds which hardened. The advance of Indian Iron and Steels relieved an otherwise dull industrial section. Diamonds were flat, but oils showed some resistance.

	Mar 4	7
War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	£102 3/4	102 7/8

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	53	53 1/2
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	62 1/2	63 1/4

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	23/-	22/6
Armstrong, Stevens	7/3	7/3
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	41/-	40/7 1/2
Austin Motors, ord.	29/4 1/2	28/6
[illegible] ord.	47/-	46/6
British-America Tob.	103/9	101/9 XD
Cable & W., new form	65 7/8	65 7/8
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/7 1/2	7/3
Courtaulds	39/-	38/10 1/2
Distillers	98/-	98/-
Dunlop Rubber	30/9	30/4 1/2
General Elec. (Eng.)	72/3	71/7 1/2
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	120/-	119/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	23/1 1/2	23/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/4 1/2	28/4 1/2
Imp. Tobacco	140/7 1/2	140/-
Leyland Motors	78/9	78/1 1/2
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	54/-	53/9
Pressed Steel, com.	14/7 1/2	14/7 1/2
Rolls-Royce	87/6	87/6
Smethwick Drop Forgings	18/6	18/6
Tate & Lyle	79/10 1/2	79/3
Turner & Newall	77/7 1/2	77/1 1/2
United Steel	26/6	25/9 XD
Vickers, ord.	23/-	22/9
Woolworths	63/1 1/2	63/-

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	26/6	26/3
Rubber Plth. Invest.	25/6	25/-

MINES

Burma Corp.	10/3	10/4 1/2
Commonwealth Min.	2/3	2/3
Exploration Co.	1/9	1/9
Marsman Invest.	17/6	17/6
Randfontein Ests.	43/1 1/2	42/9
Sub-Nigel	207/6	207/6
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.

OILS

Anglo Iranian	78/9	78/9
Burmah	109/4 1/2	109/4 1/2
Mexican Eagle	7/6	6/10 1/2
Shell Trans. & Trad.	89/4 1/2	89/4 1/2

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898	£75 1/2	75 1/2
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	67	68
4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan	86	86
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	51 1/2	52
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	58 1/4	59 1/2
5% Stg. Notes, 1925	16	16 1/2
5% Honan Rly., 1905	43	43
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	29	30
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	26	28
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	20 1/2	21
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	39	39
5% T'sing-Pukow Rly. B.	24 1/2	26
5% „ „ G.	24 1/2	26
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	24	26
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	24	26
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	20 1/2	21
S'hai Elec. Construction	35 N	35 N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	25 N	25 N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	33 N	33 N
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	12 1/8	12
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	95	95
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	97	97
Chinese Eng. & Min.	15/6	15/6
Chosen Corp.	8/3	8/3
Pekin Syndicate	3/3	3/3
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	27/6	27/6

N—Nominal.

BRITISH COMMODITIES

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 7.

Commodities, on the whole, were featureless.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 7, unc; sellers 7 1/8 unc. April del. buyers 7, unc; sellers 7 1/16 —1/8.
London Sugar (Buyers) Mar. 5/2 1/4 —1; May 5/4 1/4 —1/2. Aug. 5/5 1/4 —1/2.
Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 7/4 3/8 unc; May 7/5 3/8 unc; July 7/1 3/4 —1/8.
Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 4.96 —3; May 5.01 —4; July 5.06 —4; Oct. 5.15 —4. Egyptian Futures (Giza. F.G.F. No. 7): Mar. 7.14 —9; May 7.09 —9; July 7.12 —8; Sept. 7.12 —8.
London Metals: Copper, Stan. Cash sellers £40 1/4 +1/4; 3 mths sellers £40 7/8 —1/8. Electrolytic buyers £44 1/4 —1/4; sellers £44 7/8 —1/8. Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £185 1/2 unc; 3 mths. sellers £185 1/2 unc. Lead, For. Official price sellers £15 7/8 unc; 3 mths sellers £15 1/2 unc. Spelter, Ordinary, official price sellers £14 1/4 +3/8; 3 mths. sellers £14 3/8 +3/8.—Reuter.

BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, Mar. 7.

The week began on the share market with but a slight turnover, the slackness of the past week continuing. The attention of German traders is concentrated for the time being on the Leipzig Fair which has just opened, the strong foreign interest and participation being regarded as a favourable sign. The speech of Reich Minister of Economics Walter Funk at the opening of the Fair was extensively commented upon, particularly his statements concerning German loans abroad and his reference to the stability of the Reichsmark.

Fixed interest securities showed a firm tendency, there being a dearth in the supply available on the market.

Call money stood at 2 3/8 to 2 5/8 per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BOND

Osaka, Mar. 8.

Kogo 5% Y.102.78

—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 7.

Stock prices on Wall Street to-day continued to lose ground under the influence of prevailing uncertainties and discouraging business news, which was accentuated by the aloofness of operators. The turnover was light, amounting to 620,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	127.63	125.19	125.38	—2.29
20 Rails	28.66	28.01	28.05	—0.70
20 Utilities	19.43	19.06	19.11	—0.24
40 Bonds	—	—	90.06	—0.39
11 Commod.	—	—	53.03	+0.03

	Mar. 5	7
Adams Express	9	8 3/4
Alleghany Steel Co.	16 1/2	B 16 1/4
Allis Chalmers	47	45 3/4
Amer. Can	87 1/4	85 1/4
Amer. Cyanamid "B"	25	23 7/8
Amer. & For. Power	3 3/4	3 1/2
„ „ $7 pfd.	B 20	20 3/4
Amer. Locomotive	20 1/2	20
Amer. Metals.	32 5/8	31 1/4
Amer. Radiator	12 5/8	12 1/4
Amer. Rolling Mill	18 3/8	18 1/2
Amer. Smelting	47 7/8	47 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	B 27	28 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	135 3/8	134 7/8
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68	67
Amer. Waterworks	9 3/8	9 1/8
Anaconda Copper	32 1/8	30 7/8
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	36 1/2	34 1/4
Atlas Corp.	7 1/2	7 3/8
Auburn	4	4
Baltimore & Ohio	8 5/8	8 1/8
„ „ pfd.	10 1/2	10
Barber Co.	B 16 7/8	16 3/4
Barnsdall Oil Co.	15	15 1/8
Bethlehem Steel	57	55 1/8
Boeing Airplane Co.	28 3/4	27 5/8
Borden Co.	18	17 7/8
Borg Warner	25 1/4	24 7/8
Briggs Manufacturing Co.	23	22 3/8
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	10 5/8	B 9 5/8
„ „ $6 cum. pfd.	30 3/4	30 1/4
Case, J.I.	88 1/4	86
Can. Pacific Rly.	6 7/8	6 5/8
Celanese Corp.	B 15 1/8	15
Cerro de Pasco	40 3/4	39 1/2
Chase National Bank	B 30 7/8	B 30 1/2
Chesapeake Corp.	47 3/8	*44 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	36 7/8	*34 3/8
Chrysler	52 1/8	51
Columbia Gas & Elec.	7 1/2	7 3/8
„ „ "A" pfd.	B 70	70 1/4
Comml. Credit	35 1/8	35
Comml. Solvents	8	8
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1 3/8	1 3/8
„ „ $6 cum. pfd.	36 7/8	37 3/4
Consold. Edison	21 1/4	21
Consolid. Oil	9 1/4	9
Continental Can	42	42 1/4
Continental Oil	30	29 1/2
Corn Products	64 1/4	64 1/2
Curtis Wright (com.)	4 1/4	4 3/8
„ „ "A"	15 7/8	15 5/8
Delaware & Hudson	15 1/8	14 7/8
Delaware, Lackawanna	7 3/8	7 1/4
Deere Co.	22 3/4	21 7/8
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	B 14 1/2	14 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	39	38 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	117	116 1/4
Eagle Picher Lead	B 10 1/8	*10
Elec. Boat Co.	8 1/2	8 1/2
Elec. Bond & Sh.	7 1/2	7 1/4
„ „ $5 pfd.	B 47 1/4	B 47 1/4
„ „ $6 pfd.	B 53 1/2	53
Elec. Power & Lt.	9 3/4	9 3/8
„ „ 7% pfd.	B 35	34 1/2
Flintkote Co.	16 7/8	16 3/8
Freeport Sulphur	25 3/4	26
Gen. Am. Trans.	42	41 3/4
Gen. Cigar	B 25 1/4	B 25
Gen. Elec.	39 3/4	38 7/8
Gen. Foods	31 5/8	31 3/8
Gen. Motors	34 3/4	33 5/8
Gen. Rly. Signal	B 22	21 1/4
Glidden Co.	22	20
Godchaux Sugar, Class	B 34	B 35
Goodrich (B.F.)	16 1/2	16
„ $5 pfd.	B 49	49
Goodyear Tire & R.	21 5/8	21
Great Northern Rly.	22 5/8	21 5/8
Great Western Sugar	B 29 1/2	28 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	10	9 7/8
Hecker Prods.	B 29 1/2	28 1/2
Humble Oil	B 67 3/8	66 3/8
Int. Nickel	50	49 3/8
Int. Tel. & Tel. (For. Is.)	B 7 1/2	7 3/8
Interstate Department	10 5/8	10 3/8
Kennecott	37 1/2	36 1/2
Lambert Co.	11 1/4	B 11 1/8
Libby-Owens-Ford	34 1/2	33 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	8 5/8	8 1/4
Loew's Inc.	48 1/2	46 1/2
Lorillard	16 3/8	16
McKesson & $3 pfd.	B 32	34 1/4
Martin, Glenn L. C.	17 3/4	17 3/8
Monsanto Chemical	84 1/2	83 1/4
Montgomery Ward	34 5/8	33 1/2
Nat. Bond & Investment	B 15	B 15 1/8
Nat. Cash Register	16 5/8	16 1/8
Nat. City Bank	B 25 5/8	B 25 1/8
Nat. Dairy Prods.	14 1/2	14 1/4
Nat. Distillers	21 7/8	21 3/8
Nat. Power & Lt.	6 3/4	6 5/8
Nat. Supply Co.	21 1/4	20 1/2
New York Central	17 1/2	16 3/4
Niagara Hudson & Power	7 5/8	7 3/4
North Amer. Aviation	8 1/4	7 3/4
North American Co.	18 5/8	18 1/8
Northern Pacific	11 1/2	11 1/8
Pacific Gas & Elec.	26	26
Pacific Lighting	B 37	B 37 1/8
Packard Motors	4 1/2	4 1/2
Paramount Pictures Inc.	9 3/4	9
„ „ 1st pfd.	B 84	B 75
Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/8	20 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	38	37
Public Serv. of N.J.	30 1/4	30 1/8
Pure Oil	11 3/8	11 1/2
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6 5/8	6 1/2
Republic Steel Co.	17 1/4	16 7/8
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	39 3/4	39 5/8
Schenley	24 1/4	23 5/8
„ 5 1/2% pfd.	B 83 1/2	B 83
Sears Roebuck	60 3/4	59
Shell Union Oil	15 1/8	14 5/8
Socony-Vacuum	14 3/4	14 3/8
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	22	21 1/4
Sthrn. Pacific	18 1/4	17 5/8
Southern Railway	11 1/2	11
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	18 1/8	17 3/8
Stand. Brands	8	8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3 7/8	3 7/8
„ $7 pfd.	B 21 1/8	20 3/4
Stand. Oil of N.J.	51	49 1/4
Sterling Prods.	59 1/4	59 1/4
Studebaker	5 1/2	5 3/8
Swift International	B 24 5/8	24 1/2
Technicolor	19 5/8	19
Texas Corporation	40 5/8	39 3/4
Texas Gulf Sulphur	B 32 1/2	32
Tide Water Associated Oil	14 1/2	14 1/4
Transamerica (new)	10 1/4	10 1/8
Twentieth Century Fox	22 3/4	22
„ „ pfd.	B 29	29
Un. Carbide & Carbon	76 1/4	74 1/2
Un. Pacific	75	74 1/2
Un. Aircraft (new)	24	23 5/8
Un. Airline Trans.	B 8	7 3/4
Un. Corp.	2 7/8	2 3/4
„ $3 pfd.	29	*28 3/8
Un. Gas Corp.	3 7/8	3 3/4
Un. Gas Improvement	10 1/8	10
United Light & Power Co.	2 3/8	2 1/4
U. S. Indus. Alcohol	18 1/2	18 5/8
U. S. Rubber	31 5/8	29 7/8
„ 8%	70 3/4	67
U. S. Smelt. Ref.	70	69
U. S. Steel	53 1/4	52 3/8
Vanadium	17 1/8	16 3/4
Warner Bros. Picts.	5 7/8	5 3/8
Westinghouse Elec.	93 7/8	91 1/4
Woodward Iron	15 3/4	15 1/4
Youngstown Sheet	36 7/8	35 5/8

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	56 1/8	55
Brazil	B 16 1/2	17 3/4
Chic. Mil Stp.	11	11
Cities Serv. Pwr.	55 1/4	54 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel. Conv.	87 5/8	86 3/4
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	61 1/8	59 3/4
New England Gas & Elec.	55 1/2	53 3/4
Peru 6s 1961	10 3/4	10 5/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	53 1/4	53

B—Bid *—Ex Div.—Reuter.

RETURNS OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

New York, Mar. 7.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system, in their report for the week ended March 2 respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the system, reveal an increase of total loans amounting to $37,000,000 compared with the previous week, but a decrease of $188,000,000 from the corresponding period of last year.

Investments show an increase of $27,000,000 from last week, but a decrease of $1,299,000,000 from the corresponding period of last year.

Total loans during the period under review amounted to $8,933,000,000 and investments $12,298,000,000.—Reuter.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, Mar. 7.

The following were to-day's Reichsmark quotations:

New York 40.43, Paris 1245.00, Amsterdam 72.415, London 12.4025.

Paris quoted sterling at 154.43 to 154.53 and the U.S. dollar at 30.76 to 30.755.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. COMMODITIES

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 7.

The cotton market early declined with Liverpool and Bombay cables. Later, there was some trade price-fixing and scattered buying, and the market ruled quiet but steady on the scale-down. New interest was lacking, as traders are still awaiting an interpretation to the Smith amendment to the Farm Bill. Finally, the market partially advanced on some new buying and closed steady, with quotations ranging from 2 to 4 points down.

After being steady, the rubber market closed quiet and dull, owing to a lack of interest, commission house liquidation and increased stocks in the United Kingdom. At the last call-over, prices ranged from 1 point up to 5 points down.

Wheat prices in Chicago eased moderately towards the close on lower foreign advices, liquidation and the easiness of the stock market. At the final bell, losses of 1/4 to 5/8 of a cent. were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	9.10-11 —04	May	14.55-58 —05
July	9.17-17 —03		B/A
Oct.	9.26-27 —02	July	14.66-66 —04
Dec.	9.26-26 —04	Sept.	14.82-82 +01
Jan.	9.28 N —03	Dec.	14.99-5.03 —01
			B/A
New York Sugar No. 4		New York Silk	
Sept.	1.05-06 —1 1/2	Mar.	1.59-59 1/2 —1/2
	B/A		B/A
Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	89 1/2-89 5/8 —5/8	May	58 7/8-59 +1/8
July	84 3/4-84 7/8 —1/4	July	60 1/2-60 3/8 unc.
Winnipeg Wheat		Montreal Silver	
May	121-121 —1 1/4	Mar.	44.90-5.05 —05
			B/A

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

BRITISH RUBBER STOCKS HIGHER

London, Mar. 7.

Stocks of rubber in Great Britain on March 5 were estimated at 71,572 tons, showing an increase of 347 tons from the previous week.

The stock of rubber in London on March 5 totalled 46,892 tons, showing an increase of 428 tons, while the stock at Liverpool was listed at 24,680 tons, representing a decrease of 81 tons.

British rubber deliveries during the week ended March 5 totalled 1,323 tons, compared with 923 tons during the previous week.

Deliveries in London during this period totalled 812 tons, compared with 544 tons during the previous week—an increase of 268 tons.

Liverpool deliveries, with a total of 511 tons, revealed an increase of 132 tons from the previous week.—Reuter.

DYE CONCERN STARTED IN LONDON

Berlin, Mar. 8.

The two biggest European dye producers, the German Dye Trust I. G. Farben and the English Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., have established a firm called Trafford Chemical Company, Ltd. in London for the manufacture of dyes and related chemical products in England.

The authorized capital of the Company is £500,000 of which 300,000 will be issued and paid. The English concern owns 51 per cent. and the German company 49 per cent. of the new company's shares.—Trans-Ocean.

CELANESE 1937 INCOME ANNOUNCED

Washington, Mar. 7.

Celanese Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated announced here to-day that its net income for 1937 had been $4,461,227 or the equivalent of $2.04 per share of common stock.

Net income of the company in 1936 was $4,406,993 or $1.99 per common share.—United Press.

U.S.-CZECHOSLOVAKIA TRADE PACT SIGNED

Washington, Mar. 7.

A reciprocal trade pact between the United States and Czechoslovakia was signed here to-day by representatives of the two governments. With the conclusion of this pact, the United States now has seventeen such agreements with foreign countries.—United Press.

GERMAN IMPORTS OF MANCHOUKUO BEANS

Hsinking, Mar. 8.

Germany imported in January 490,408 tons of soya beans, valued at Reichsmarks Y.5,692,000, it was officially announced here to-day by the German Trade Representation.—Domei.

AMERICAN SUGAR IMPORTS

Washington, Mar. 7.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration reports that imports of sugar during January and February totalled 671,000 tone of which 374,000 tons came from Cuba; 128,000 tons from the Philippines; 129,000 tons from Puerto Rico; and 38,000 tons from Hawaii.—Reuter.

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NEW CONTROL SCHEME AGREED TO

London, Mar. 8.

The Council of the Rubber Growers Association has unanimously approved of the provisional revised text recommended by the International Rubber Regulation Committee.

The text is based on the agreement between interested Governments to regulate the production and export of rubber for the next five years.—Reuter.

U.S. STEEL MILL OPERATIONS

New York, Mar. 7.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week ended March 5 was placed at 29.9 per cent. of capacity, according to the weekly report of the American Iron and Steel Institute, published to-day.

This compares with 29.3 per cent. of capacity last week and 87.3 per cent. of capacity for the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase of 0.6 per cent. and a decrease of 57.4 per cent., respectively, compared with the figure for the week under review.—Reuter.

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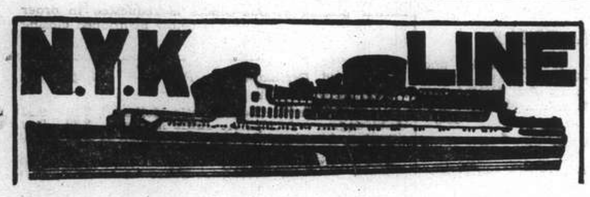

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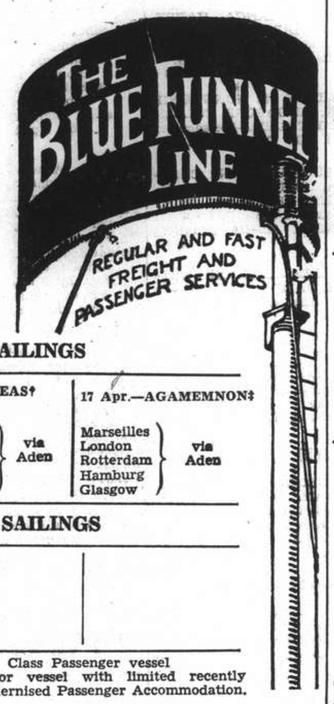

LONDON SAILINGS

20 Mar.—MENESTHEUS*		2 April—AENEAS†		17 Apr.—AGAMEMNON‡	
Marseilles London Rotterdam Hamburg Glasgow	via Aden	Marseilles London Rotterdam Glasgow	via Aden	Marseilles London Rotterdam Hamburg Glasgow	via Aden

LIVERPOOL SAILINGS

2 Apr.—PROMETHEUS*		
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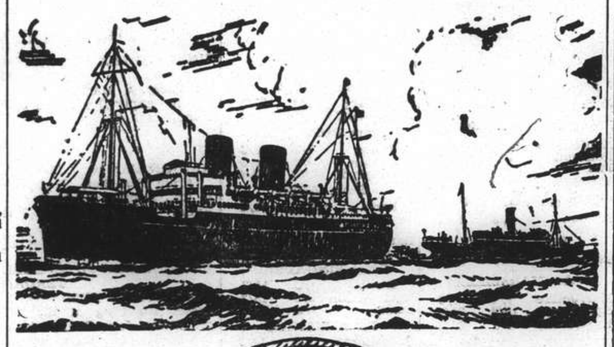

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	19	*BHUTAN		6,100
	26	††RAWALPINDI		17,000

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Mar.	26	†*JEYPORE		5,300

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		Due H'kong	*Due S'hai*
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SS. DAIREN MARU	Mar. 18	Mar. 19 at 11 a.m.
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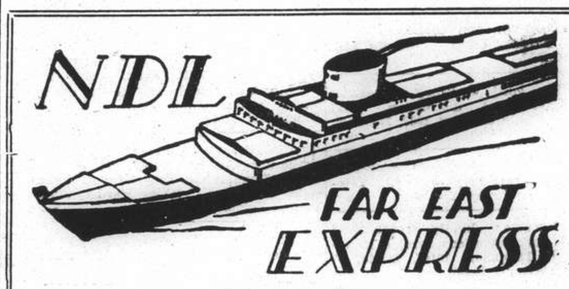

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Outwards:

			Due Shanghai
ss. SCHARNHORST	Left Manila	Mar. 8	Mar. 13
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ss. POTSDAM	....Left Hamburg	Mar. 5	Apr. 9
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		1938	1938	
ms. Dempo	17,000	Mar. 16	Mar. 18	Apr. 5
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	Mar. 30	Apr. 1	Apr. 20
ms. Indrapoera	10,800	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 26
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,100	Apr. 20	Apr. 22	May 10
ms. Baloeran	17,000	Apr. 27	Apr. 29	May 17
Christiaan Huygens	15,700	May 11	May 13	May 31
ms. Sibajak	12,000	May 18	May 20	June 7
ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19,000	June 1	June 3	June 22
ms. Dempo	17,000	June 8	June 10	June 29
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	June 15	June 17	July 7
ss. J. P. Coen	11,140	June 22	June 24	July 16
ms. Indrapoera	10.800	June 29	July 1	July 20
ss. Slamat	11,600	July 6	July 8	July 27
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For New Zealand
BRISBANE MARU ..... Mar. 31

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AUSTRALASIA

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Netherlands (K.L.M.) (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per Kaisar-I-Hind, 6 p.m. on March 14, due Amsterdam March 29, London March 30.
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